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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Commonwealth Prospect

THE estimates of the sterling area's balance of payments for the twelve monthly period ending next June, issued in Sydney last week, provide a forcible reminder of the extent to which sterling has owed its new-found strength to import restrictions. With the lifting of some of these restrictions the area's annual surplus with the rest of the world as a whole is expected to drop by nearly half in the period to next June. All told, the sterling area's net earnings of foreign currencies will, if the estimates turn out to be correct, be some £200m. less than in the previous twelve months. No individual country is to blame for this deterioration; all of them, including Australia, are, it is understood, expected to show a somewhat lower level of net earnings, as they absorb a larger volume of imports. So far as the United Kingdom alone is concerned, this forecast seems to suggest a somewhat gloomier picture than is justified by the figures so far published. Comparing the last six months of 1953 with the same period of 1952, imports have certainly gone up by a substantial amount; but exports have risen even more. For the six months as a whole the overall visible balance of trade was some £20m. better.

PERHAPS the British Government statisticians who presented their estimates to the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference now have more up-to-date statistics on UK trade with the non-sterling world showing a less favourable trend in the latest period. The other possibility is that they have allowed in their forecasts for a further increase in imports from OEEC and other non-sterling countries, perhaps in the expectation of a further easing of import restrictions during the next few months. There is no doubt that for the sterling area as a whole, the two trouble spots which are causing the sharp fall in the balance of payments surplus from last year's high level are the OEEC area and the group of countries which are not attached to any of the main blocs—sterling, dollar, OEEC or Soviet. Broadly, the sterling area managed to balance its accounts in the year ended June, 1953, with this unattached sector of the trading world. But it only did so at the expense of considerable friction with several countries in it, like Brazil and Japan.

ONE consequence of this was the loss of export trade with countries who were suffering from an acute scarcity of sterling. The Commonwealth Finance Ministers have had to face that unless they are prepared to permit a more generous flow of imports from Japan and other countries in the unattached group, they will lose even more sterling trade in 1954. One difficulty here is that while they can foresee an increase in imports from these sources, there is little prospect of a corresponding rise in export earnings from them. Australia can, of course, continue to discriminate against the dollar area; and it is here, in fact, that the sterling area expects some further improvement in the balance of payments to offset the deterioration elsewhere. Britain, which has increased her exports to North America by 14 per cent in the past year, will play a major part in this, providing dollar earnings to offset the losses of the sterling area commodity producers.

POWs BEGIN RETURN TO FREEDOM

New German-Made Miniature Car

A Munich engineer has just completed what is termed as the "smallest car in the world". It is 1.80 metres long, .80 metre wide, and is fitted with a special electric motor producing 1.3 hp driven from an accumulator. It has a top speed of 15 km ph. The car is tax-free, does not need a number plate and the driver does not require a driving licence. The car is thought to be of special use for shopping.—London Express.

Randall Commission Report "Preview" Disappoints UK

London, Jan. 19.

Informed sources said today that a "preview" of the Randall Commission's report on United States foreign economic policy had reached the British Government and left it disappointed.

"Advance word on the Randall Commission's report indicates it completely misses the boat as far as the Commonwealth is concerned," the sources said, adding that the British hoped for more "trade not aid" recommendations.

The main components of the Randall Commission's report, the sources said, were:

1. — Repeal of the Buy American Act restricting Government freedom to buy foreign goods.

2. — Reduction in United States tariffs only if other countries reciprocate.

3. — Government subsidies rather than the use of tariffs to protect industries essential for defence and companies, workers and communities hurt by increases in imports resulting from tariff changes.

4.—Relaxation of restrictions on East-West trade.

5.—Help to countries making their currencies convertible.

KEY PROPOSAL

Informed sources said that the kernel of the Randall Commission's report is the proposal that the United States should adopt measures towards freer trade by lowering tariffs only if the rest of the world does the same.

The Commonwealth plan, however, proposed to continue restrictions for some time on dollar imports.

Informed sources said that the Commonwealth Finance Ministers at their Sydney conference had hoped to continue planning on the basis of American backing.

Instead, the sources said, the Ministers have to think of alternatives to see how the Commonwealth can continue to strengthen its position and become less dependent on American policy and economic developments.

Informed sources said it appeared now that the Sterling area must be prepared to fight its own battles to achieve self sufficiency.

"It will not be easy for the Commonwealth to go it alone if America will not come along too. The Commonwealth cannot drop restrictions on dollar imports until financial reserves have reached a level at which they can withstand sudden and large demands on them. They have by no means reached this stage," the sources said.

Now, they said, it means that the emphasis of the Commonwealth plan must switch from exports to the dollar area to exports to the non-dollar area.

This would mean a greater drive for East-West trade because the Communist bloc could become one of the Commonwealth's biggest markets, informed sources said.—United Press.

New Theory On Comet Disaster

London, Jan. 19.

An explosion of "unusual violence" apparently blasted the Comet jet airliner that crashed into the Mediterranean on January 10, an Airline spokesman said today as British experts stepped up their investigation of possible sabotage.

"Evidence so far indicates an explosion of unusual violence, more violent even than usually associated with a fuel fire," the British Overseas Airways Corporation spokesman said here.

The British Civil Aviation Minister, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, said earlier today in Rome that bodies so far recovered from the sea off Elba were struck "from behind—on the backs of their heads."

Mr Lennox-Boyd, who flew to Elba to inspect preparations for salvaging the wrecked plane, said, "This late information may prove most useful to the experts."

LIFTED FROM SEATS?

The BOAC spokesman here said that the head injuries might indicate that the Comet was rocked by a tremendous blast which hurled it into a sudden dive so violent that passengers were lifted from their seats and battered against the ceiling of the plane with bone-shattering force.

"In the hard world we live in we cannot rule out sabotage," Mr Lennox-Boyd said in Rome. But he added:

"I and other people in responsible positions, while not ruling out the possibility of sabotage, feel we have to concentrate on other possible causes of the disaster—structural or otherwise.

"We might have to face up to the possibility of outside action. We are not forgetting that we might have to deal with third parties."—United Press.

Russia's Big 4 Talks Demands

UNLIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE

Berlin, Jan. 19.

The Soviets laid down Big Four conference demands today that spread gloom among Western diplomats here and increased fears that next week's crucial talks might face a deadlock even before they opened.

The demands included:

1. Holding of a Big Five conference with China.

2. Formation of an all-German government as the first step toward a cold war settlement in this divided country.

3. Calling of an all-German conference to discuss German unification.

All these were considered totally unacceptable to the West. If the Russians come to the conference table determined to insist on these conditions, Western diplomats saw little if any prospect of an East-West peace settlement.

The demand for a Big Five conference including Red China was laid down in today's issue of Pravda, the official Moscow Communist organ. The others were published by Communist-controlled Soviet Zone newspapers.

QUESTION OF PRIORITY

The Russians already had indicated in the lengthy exchange of notes, prior to agreement on holding the conference, that they wanted to bring up the question of a Big Five parley at the Berlin meeting.

The West agreed to have this placed on the agenda. However, it was now feared that the Kremlin would attempt to push it to the top of the agenda and this certainly would run into the stiffest opposition from the West.

All three Western powers have made it clear they will not spend hours discussing a Big Five conference and they are coming to Berlin only to seek a German settlement and agreement on an Austrian peace treaty.

Western diplomats were equally pessimistic about the Soviet demand that formation of an all-German government should be the first step towards German reunification.—United Press.

Captives Ignore Reds' Appeals

No Interference With Operation

Panmunjom, Jan. 20.

Jubilant, singing Chinese and North Korean war prisoners won a three-year battle against the return to Communism today in a mile and a half march to freedom from their neutral camps.

The first anti-Communist prisoners passed into Allied custody at 8.52 a.m. Wednesday. Despite charges that the return of the POWs violated the armistice, the Communist Command made no attempt to interfere with the historic operation.

The first of the 14,321 Chinese to be freed were greeted at the southern boundary of the demilitarised zone by Chinese-speaking American soldiers.

They moved down a barbed wire lane to waiting trucks. From there the freedom trail led by truck and ship to new homes on the Chinese Nationalist island stronghold of Formosa.

It was not immediately learned what disposition was made of the 347 Allied prisoners, including 21 American prisoners, who elected to stay with their Communist captors. The Reds had indicated they would refuse Indian attempts to turn the POWs back to them, in line with their charge that such action violated the armistice.

The Communists charged in an eleventh hour protest that the return of the prisoners represented "armed abduction."

The happy, banner - waving anti - Communist prisoners ignored pre-dawn Communist appeals to come home.

"COME HOME" APPEAL

Communist loudspeakers pleaded, "Come home. This is your last chance. Come home. When the Indians open the gates this morning, everybody turn north and—for freedom."

But at daybreak, the excited anti-Red prisoners stirred from their sleeping compounds and started singing jubilant Korean and Chinese victory songs.

A cold Siberian wind carried the sound of their mass chanting to the American Marines and soldiers waiting just outside the forbidden demilitarised zone along the barbed wire-lined "freedom road" leading south.

Thick smoke poured from all 55 of the compounds. Marines said they believed the prisoners were burning their rice, straw and prison sleeping mats, symbols of their captivity.

"A HAPPY DAY"

"It is a happy, happy day," said South Korean Prime Minister Paik Too Chin at the ROK receiving point. "We never doubted that these men would come back to us."

Convoys of canvas-covered trucks waited for the Chinese prisoners to take them to Inchon, where they will board ships for Formosa.

The Koreans walked down barbed wire lanes to a railway siding where the first train of 21 boxcars waited to carry them south through a tumultuous demonstration in Seoul to relocation centres on the east and west coast of South Korea.

Huge arches greeted the freed men at both the Chinese and Korean receiving points. The decorated arches bore the word "welcome" in English and Chinese and Korean. Large portraits of Presidents Syngman Rhee and Chiang Kai-shek greeted the prisoners.

Flags of the United Nations, South Korea and Nationalist China fluttered in the icy Siberian wind.

North Korean prisoners were delayed in leaving the neutral camp because they tried to march close together, in violation of Indian orders designed to insure each man a chance to break from the back and ask for repatriation.

Major-Gen. S. P. P. Thorat, Indian troop commander, announced that two North Koreans in the first 500-man compound to be opened had asked the guards to segregate them this morning for return to Communist Korea.

None of the 421 Chinese in the first compound changed his mind.

All of the prisoners were turned over to Indian custody in the demilitarised zone last September for 90 days of "come home" explanations. In eight sessions with the anti-Red POWs, Communist political officers were able to win back only a handful of the balky captives.

Their decision to reject Communism was the major issue in two years of truce negotiations, and the UN insistence that no POW be forced to return to his homeland against his will became an unprecedented issue in modern warfare.—United Press.

Britain's Attitude To Gibraltar

London, Jan. 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, stated here today that Britain had "no intention of agreeing to any change in the status of Gibraltar."

He was answering a written question by the Labour MP, Mr Arthur Greenwood. Mr Eden added: "The government does not consider that this is a subject for discussion with any foreign power."—France-Presse.

Murderer Cheats Gallows

Swallows Poison

Cornwall, Ontario, Jan. 19.

Convicted murderer Henri Seguin cheated the gallows last night by swallowing poison, the Chief Coroner, Mr Smirle Dawson, said today.

Mr Lawson said that an autopsy and analysis of Seguin's stomach contents showed that he died of poison. Dr Ward Smith was trying to determine the type.

The Provincial Police said that an empty glass vial had been found in his death cell.

The Ontario Reform Institution's Department launched an immediate inquiry to find out how Seguin got the poison that killed him one hour before he was to be hanged for the murder of Maxville taxi operator Leonard Hurd. They were checking persons who visited him in his cell during the past few days.

POSSESS FACTS

"We have certain facts that we can't disclose before the inquest," Colonel G. Hedley Basher, Deputy Minister said.

The Gaol Governor, Mr J. Sutherland Dickey, said that any statement would have to come from Queen's Park.

Premier Leslie Frost, Acting Attorney-General, said that an inquest would be held in Cornwall tomorrow night with Mr Dawson in charge.

A priest who had given Seguin the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church 30 minutes before his death said he thought Seguin had died of fright.

The medical authorities, however, doubted the story and ordered the post mortem.—United Press.

Atomic Resources Pool

Dulles & Molotov To Meet

Washington, Jan. 19.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Viacheslav Molotov, have agreed to discuss procedural questions concerned with President Eisenhower's proposal for private conversations on the pooling of atomic energy resources during the four-power foreign ministers' conference in Berlin, it was announced by the State Department today.

The announcement followed a meeting at the State Department this afternoon between Mr Dulles and Soviet Ambassador, Mr Georgi Zarubin, who had been authorised by Moscow to discuss procedural questions in Washington.

Mr Zarubin, it was stated, had brought a message from the Soviet Foreign Minister assuring Mr Dulles that he would be happy, during the foreign ministers' conference, to continue discussions on President Eisenhower's atomic pool plan.

The State Department announcement revealed that Mr Dulles had accepted the offer.

An official statement, issued after today's meeting, said: "The Secretary of State plans, in agreement with Mr Molotov, to continue the discussions on the procedure relating to negotiations concerning atomic energy in Berlin."

25-MINUTE TALK

A State Department spokesman revealed that Mr Dulles and Mr Zarubin had talked for 25 minutes in a second meeting to discuss the procedure to be adopted for private conversations on the pool plan.

Present at the talks were the Secretary of State, Mr Zarubin, Mr Livingstone Merchant, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, Mr Michael L. Smirnovsky, the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, and an interpreter on the staff of the Department of State.

Both Mr Zarubin and Mr Smirnovsky arrived at the State Department three minutes ahead of schedule. They were met by Director Stoessel of the Soviet Affairs Division of the State Department.

Mr Zarubin walked stiffly past waiting newsmen without saying a word, followed by Mr Smirnovsky.—France-Presse.

Tank Kills Soldier: Injures 4

Fort Bliss, Texas, Jan. 19.

A 20-ton tank went out of control during a demonstration here today and crashed into the spectator stands, killing one soldier and injuring four others.

A military spokesman said the M-19 tank, armed with 40 mm anti-aircraft guns, had been parked facing the stands where 45 trainees were seated when it suddenly started forward, out of control.

A spokesman said the unmanned tank struck Sgt. Earl Lewis in the back, pushing him forward as it picked up speed. Lewis waved other soldiers out of the way and jumped into the moving vehicle.

Before he could stop the tank it had smashed into the stands. Officers said two of the injured soldiers were in critical condition.—United Press.

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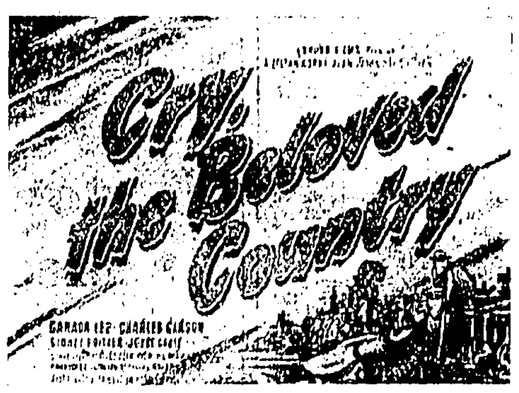

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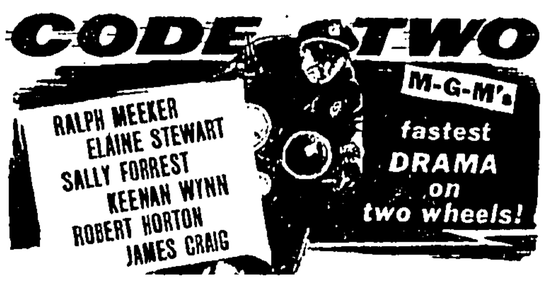

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Tax Cuts On Foreign Earnings Urged In US

TO RAISE FLOW OF CAPITAL ABROAD

Washington, Jan. 19.

As a means of increasing the flow of capital abroad, the United States Chamber of Commerce recommended today a 50 per cent slash in income taxes paid by United States corporations on their foreign earnings.

It proposed also, in a series of recommendations, that double taxation on dividends of United States corporate subsidiaries operating in foreign countries be eliminated and that overseas investments be amortised over a five-year period for tax purposes.

The study was made for the Chamber of Commerce by the Stanford University Research Institute.

The Chamber estimated that these tax concessions would cost the Treasury less than $75,000,000 a year in lost revenue.

"This would seem to be a small premium to pay for stimulating the transfer to private investment of any substantial part of the burden of foreign aid which has averaged more than $5,000,000,000 annually since 1948, and to correct inequities in present tax policy by elimination of double taxation," the study said.

The 80-page Stanford study examined reasons why private capital has not been invested in larger amounts in foreign countries and concluded that existing tax barriers are the most important factors—more serious obstacles than fear of war and expropriation or trade restrictions.

It examined various remedies and proposed the following seven-point plan:

(1) "The net taxable income of United States corporations derived from operations of foreign 'permanent establishments' would be subject to United States corporate income taxes at a rate equal to 50 per cent of the prevailing normal and surtax rate applicable to (domestic) corporate income.

(2) "Income taxes, and taxes in lieu of income taxes, paid to foreign countries, could continue to be taken as a tax credit against United States taxes.

DIVIDENDS

(3) "Dividends paid by domestic corporations from foreign earnings of 'permanent establishments' abroad would not be included in the taxable income of the American corporations receiving such dividends.

(4) "The lower United States rate indicated above would apply to dividends paid by foreign corporations to United States corporations, provided the latter owned 10 per cent or more of the voting stock of the foreign corporations.

(5) "United States taxes on all foreign income of United States branches operating in foreign countries would be deferred until the income is remitted to the home office in the United States.

(6).—"New investment in physical assets in a 'permanent establishment' abroad could be amortised over a five-year period for United States tax purposes.

(7).—"The Congress should make clear that this tax incentive programme plan is not intended to be of limited duration."

50 P.C. CUT

Discussing the proposed 50 per cent cut in income tax rates on foreign-produced income, the Stanford study said: "Adoption of this plan would not produce an increase in the profitability of all foreign investment. As long as foreign tax rates are as high as the United States rate, the profitability of foreign investment would generally remain unchanged.

"However, changes that might be made in present United States tax laws and their interpretation to reduce the burdens of international double taxation would also increase the profitability of foreign investment.

"Their effect would be to give foreign laws precedence over United States laws in tax cases of this nature. To give full credit for all foreign taxes would be undesirable because it would be tantamount to permitting foreign countries to collect taxes on wholly United States income in some cases."—United Press.

CONSIDERING DIVORCE

Hollywood, Jan. 19.

George A. Hormel II, heir to a meet packing fortune, tonight confirmed that he had conferred with his lawyer over the possibility of bringing a divorce action against his wife, the French dancing star Leslie Caron.

Hormel said he dismissed the situation with attorney Bentley Harris and unless he changed his mind he planned to file for divorce within the next few days.

He said he had a showdown with his wife in New York recently and it appeared their romance may be at an end.—United Press.

Secret Meeting Proposal

Panmunjom, Jan. 30.

The United Nations negotiator, Edwin Martin, urged the Communists today to meet in secret in attempts to reopen preliminary negotiations to arrange a Korean peace conference.

Mr Martin warned the Communists, however, that the Allies would not back down from their demand that Red charges of American treachery be stricken from the record before the preliminary talks are resumed.

Mr Martin opened today's liaison officers' meeting at 11 a.m.—United Press.

US Army Secretary In Korea

Seoul, Jan. 19.

The United States Army Secretary, Mr Robert Stevens, arrived here tonight for a short tour of this theatre.

He was met at an airfield near Seoul by the allied supreme commander, General John Hull, presently in Korea on an inspection tour of preparations for the "come back operation", in which the United Nations will receive 22,000 anti-Communist prisoners delivered by the Indian custodian forces.—France-Press.

Appointment For Admiral Clifford

London, Jan. 19.

The Admiralty announced tonight that Rear-Admiral E.G.A. Clifford, former second in command, Far East Station, had been nominated as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff.

Rear-Admiral Clifford formerly commanded British Commonwealth naval forces operating in Korean waters.—France-Presse.

"Music Hath Charms..." For The Big Four?

Berlin, Jan. 19.

The East Berlin authorities have planned a special cultural programme during the meetings of the four-power foreign ministers here, it was learned today.

The famous choir of St. Thomas' church in Leipzig will visit the city as well as symphony orchestras from Leipzig and Dresden.

It was also understood that Soviet ballerinas and dancers of the Paris Opera would perform in the city during the sessions of the conference.

Meanwhile, it was announced in West Berlin that programmes and shows would go on as usual but that no special events would be featured.

On the day after the conference is due to open, the well-known French actor, Marcel Marceau, will start in West Berlin a series of performances that will take him through West Germany.—France-Presse.

Pakistan, USA Sign 5 Agreements For National Development

Karachi, Jan. 19.

The Pakistan Government tonight announced the signing of five agreements with the United States Foreign Operations Administration for financing national development.

Under the agreements, the United States agrees to aid new projects and to increase its contribution to development schemes already receiving assistance.

Under the five agreements, the United States agrees to:

1. Back a general development plan in the Chittagong area of East Pakistan by contributing $750,000 to finance the services of an American engineering firm. The firm will prepare detailed designs and specifications and supervise construction work.

2. Continue to aid the development of the unexplored forest wealth in the Chittagong hill tracts on the Pakistan eastern border. The United States, after providing $300,000 for this work last year, is now to give a further $100,000.

3. Increase her contribution to the construction of a fertiliser factory at Daud Khel in the Punjab. America will give $3,500,000 this year, bringing the total contribution to the project to $10,500,000. Work is already well under way and the plant will eventually produce 50,000 tons of ammonium sulphate annually.

4. Provide for $4,000,000 worth of chemical fertiliser, for use on the 1953/54 winter crop and the 1954 spring crop, to improve yields. Pakistan has already imported 50,000 tons of fertiliser and another 15,000 tons are to be imported shortly.

5. To continue to grant dollars for a plant protection project, aimed at encouraging the general use of modern methods and insecticides against locusts, rice and cotton pests and fungus diseases. The Foreign Operations Administration is to grant $300,000 this year for this work.—Reuter.

U.S. Aid Would Be Threat To Peace

Kalyani, Bengal, Jan. 19.

The Indian Congress Party believes that American military aid to Pakistan would threaten peace and upset the balance of power in Asia, according to the report drafted by the party's general secretariat released today.

The report is to be presented to the party's 59th annual session opening here next Saturday. The report said: "The appearance of a mighty power like the United States on the eastern horizon amidst peaceful countries in the role of a military supporter threatened the peace".

The report continued: "A military pact between America and Pakistan is calculated to upset the balance of power in Asia at a time when India is coming closer to deeper and friendlier understanding with Pakistan. Doubts and dangers are raised by the unfortunate pact, and much good work is undone by this hasty stroke which the world may one day regret".

Referring to Kashmir, the report accused the United Nations of "ignoring the fact established by its investigator, Sir Owen Dixon, that Pakistan is the aggressor".—France-Presse.

US Training Equipment For Spain

Madrid, Jan. 19.

An American aircraft from Germany arrived at Barajas airport today with the first consignment of training equipment for the Spanish jet pilots' school under the Spanish-American military agreements.

The plane to be followed by another one, took off again for Talavera, where a 1,500-yard runway has already been built.

In later training stages, six jet planes are expected to arrive in Spain from America, and a group of Spanish pilots are expected to go to the United States.

It is thought that five German companies will help in building the naval and air bases to be leased to America: P. H. Holeman, Weiss and Freytag, Gruen and Bilfinger, Julius Berge and Dyckerhoff, and Wiltman. Those companies work in close collaboration with J. Brunner of New York.—France-Presse.

Is There Any Danger To Naples From US Atom Materials?

Naples, Jan. 19.

The Municipal Council of Naples tonight adopted a resolution calling for assurances that the city would be in no danger from atomic materials that might be stored by the American authorities at the naval bases here.

At the same time, the Council turned down a resolution, asking for the departure of American naval forces stationed here. Both resolutions were introduced by 85-year-old former Italian Senator Arturo Labriola, a Socialist who is now a member of the Municipal Council.—France-Presse.

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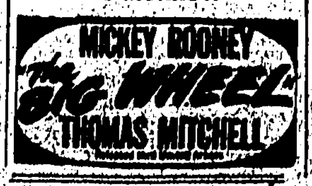

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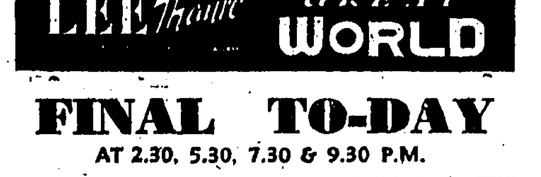

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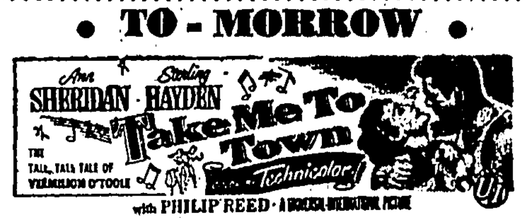

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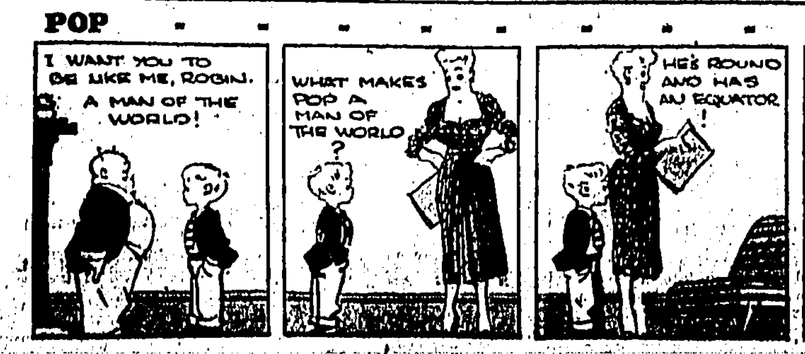

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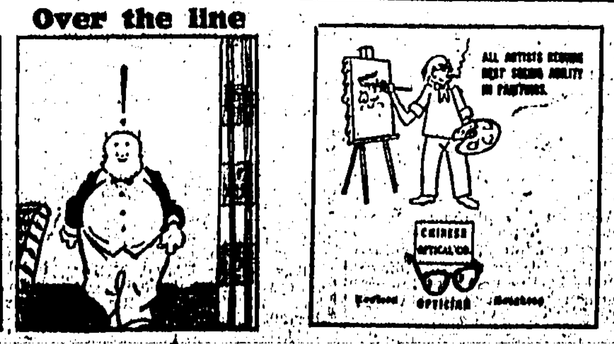


NEW DRUGS FOR POLIO AND CANCER

Significant Developments In Medical Research

New York, Jan. 19.

American medical research experts announced tonight "significant new developments" in the fight against cancer and mental illness last year and that a new anti-polio vaccine made to give immunity against all three known types of polio virus was ready for mass trials. A new drug to treat cancer had also been developed.

Experts reported these developments in a review of medical research in 1953.

The anti-polio vaccine, developed by Dr Jonas Salk of the University of Pittsburgh, is expected to give "real immunity at little cost for a considerable longer period than the blood factor, gamma globulin", doctors reported.

The new vaccine is made from polio virl grown in the kidney tissue of monkeys, and killed with the chemical, formalin.

Heartened by the results of preliminary tests with the vaccine, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysi, has announced it will inoculate between 500,000 and 1,000,000 second-grade school children during 1954. First-grade and third-grade children will be used as controls.

The nation-wide vaccination programme, which will begin in February and be completed by June 1, 1954, involves giving each child three injections, the first two at weekly intervals and the third four weeks later. The result of these studies, claimed to be the biggest ever undertaken anywhere, will not be known until 1955.

Another significant advance against the disease came with the announcement by Dr Wendell Stanley, director of the University of California Virus Laboratory, that the polio virus had been isolated and photographed in pure form for the first time.

Identification of the virus, found to be a spherical body about one-millionth of an inch in diameter, may considerably expedite the development of new weapons, such as a specific drug, against the disease.

In the field of cancer research, United States medical scientists reported considerable progress in 1953.

NEW CANCER DRUG

The Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research announced the discovery of a new 6-mercaptopurine, which produced temporary remissions in both children and adults suffering from cancer of the blood-forming tissues. But it is emphasised that the drug is not a cure.

A 2,000,000 - volt X-ray machine was credited with benefiting a group of 23 lung cancer patients who had been given up as "hopeless." Five were alive and apparently free from the disease a year to thirty-three months after treatment, according to Dr Hugh Hare, of the Los Angeles Tumor Clinic.

Two new medical institutions, the National Institutes of Health Clinical Centre at Bethesda, Maryland, and the Argonne Cancer Research Hospital at Lemont, Illinois, began operations during the year, unveiling an impressive arsenal of new weapons against cancer.

The $64,000,000 Bethesda "hospital-laboratory," according to the Director of the National Institute of Health, Dr William Sebrell, is to conduct research on chronic ailments such as heart disease and arthritis, in addition to cancer.

ATOMIC HOSPITAL

The Argonne Hospital, called the world's first "atomic hospital", will aim chiefly at learning how radiation can control or cure cancer.

In mental health research, progress in the treatment of mental disease was exemplified by the discovery that injections of a common anaesthetic, procaine, into the frontal lobes of the brain produced recovery in some patients suffering from severe mental illness, including schizophrenia (split personality).

The new treatment, announced by Philadelphia doctors at the Pennsylvania Hospital, may provide an effective substitute for electroshock and certain forms of brain surgery.

Among the most significant surgical feats of the year was the effective transplantation of animal arteries to man, the first known successful operation of its kind in history. Doctors at the Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, reported they had been able to replace diseased sections of the aorta, the main blood vessel leading from the heart, with arteries from pigs and calves.

"SPARE PARTS"

Doctors said that the new technique, which involves drying animal arteries at very low temperatures and treating them with a germ-killing chemical, may open a virtually inexhaustible supply of "spare parts" for replacement of arteries which are damaged or have become defective.

A means for controlling epileptic seizures in particularly stubborn cases of the disorder was reported by Dr Tracy Putnam and Dr Sanford Rothenberg, of the Lebanon Hospital, Los Angeles.

Using a new "deep sleep" technique, in which sleep is maintained for an average of four days with the aid of the anti-convulsant drug diphenylhydantoin, the doctors produced remission of seizures in 16 out of 25 patients for periods ranging up to several years. They added a warning, however, that the new therapy, which involves hourly administration of carbon dioxide and oxygen, is expensive and not without risk. It was developed, they said, for epileptics who are not helped by standard treatment.—China Mail Special.

"Open Door" Was Locked

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Jan. 19.

Arthur Kaap, 19, awaited trial today for breaking into the church of the Open Door when the door was locked.

Kaap, a member of the congregation, admitted breaking into the church.

His loot included a box of scripture cards, seven packages of Christmas candy, 184 pennies, two bars of soap, a bottle of lemon juice and a book entitled "Decision." — United Press.

More Formal Clothes For Men In 1954

There is a setback in store for those who have been trying to brighten men's clothes. A panel of a dozen British clothing trade experts forecast that 1954 will see a revival of stylish formality in men's wear.

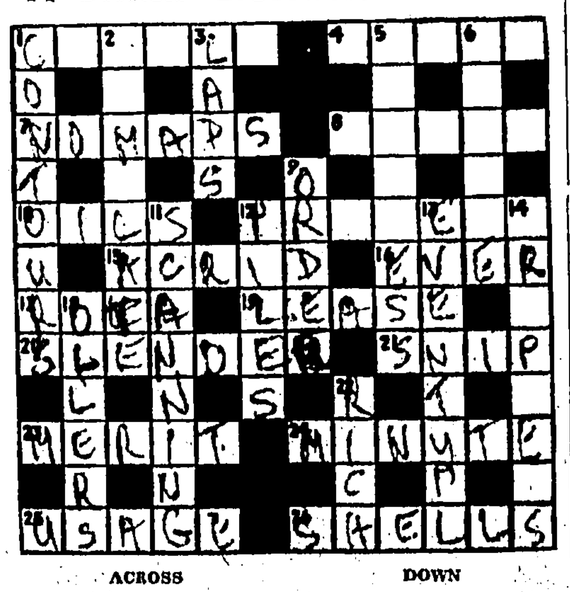
The forecast is that there will be a return to plain darker suitings and neater designs in shirts and ties.

There will be a swing away from the collar-attached shirt and a return of the separate collar style, with more traditionally-shaped collars.

Chief reason for the return of separate collars is said to be high laundry bills, so it is not surprising that sales of paper collars, which can be thrown away after a day or two's wear, are booming.

At 3½d. each they cost less than many laundries are charging for redressing stiff collars.—London Express Service.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Expensive (6).
4 Spill (5).
7 Wanderers (6).
8 Flinch (5).
10 Lubricates (4).
12 Command (7).
15 Pungent (5).
16 Always (4).
17 Duty list (4).
19 Letting contract (5).
20 Slim (7).
21 Cut (4).
23 Bandit (5).
24 Very small (6).
25 Practice (5).
26 Bombards (5).

DOWN

1 Outlines (8).
2 Feign (8).
3 Youths (4).
5 Royal lady (8).
6 Get away (6).
9 Regular arrangement (5).
11 Scrutinising (5).
12 Heaps (5).
13 Ultimate (8).
14 Excursionists (8).
18 Oil-producers (6).
22 Opulent (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Smoothed, 6 Marino 9 Idolater, 11 Slippers, 12 Mean, 13 Inter, 18 Gales, 19 Omit, 22 Removing, 24 Compare 25 Revise. 26 Relapsed. **Down:** 1 Amuse, 2 Train, 3 Sniping, 4 Mixie, 5 Owls, 6 Hatred, 7 Daring 10 Oriel, 14 Taper, 15 Reposed, 16 Concur, 17 Dismal, 20 Limit, 21 Egged, 23 Ramp, 23 Mere.

Rebels' Bullets Fly Overhead

French and Vietnam soldiers hide in the reeds of the jungle in the Laos district of Indo-China where fierce fighting is in progress against the rebels.—Express Photo.

The Duke said: His effort is better than mine.

Armless Man Typed Message For The Queen With His Feet

Christchurch, N.Z. Jan. 19.

At the disabled ex-servicemen's vocational training centre, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh today watched 30 year-old James Parkinson, who has no arms, type swiftly and flawlessly with his feet: "We loyally welcome your Majesty and your Royal Highness to this Centre."

They were so impressed that they both autographed the message, ignoring formal procedure.

The Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, commented: "His typing is much better than some I've seen."

The Duke rejoined: "It's certainly better than mine."

Between 70,000 and 80,000 people gave the Queen and the Duke their biggest welcome since they arrived in New Zealand earlier in the day.

They were cheered all the way in the 40-minute drive from the Clarendon Hotel, where they are staying, to the centre where disabled ex-servicemen are taught new skills and trades.

LINKED ARMS

The crowds on the way back to the hotel were just as large. Servicemen lining the street near the hotel had linked arms to keep the spectators from the Royal car.

The crowd waited to see the Royal couple emerge again to drive to the Cathedral for evensong, where the Duke read the second lesson.

This morning, the Queen and the Duke visited Christchurch hospital. They had special smiles of sympathy for Juliet De Castro, 16, who tumbled off a window sill in her eagerness to see the Queen.

Again tonight, thousands lined the streets to cheer the Royal couple as they drove with the interior lights of their car switched on to a civic dinner at a restaurant in one of the city's biggest department stores.

The Queen wore a full skirted evening frock of pale pink organdie over a skirt of stiffened silk in the same colour, with a diamond tiara, necklace and earrings.—Reuter.

Mongols Protest To US Against Soviet Treatment

Washington, Jan. 19.

A delegation of Kalmuks, a Mongol Buddhist people who accuse the Soviet Government of destroying their race, appealed to the United States today to intercede with the Soviet Union on behalf of those who survived mass deportation.

The delegation, led by a Buddhist Lama in flowing priestly robes, conferred for half an hour with the Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Mr Robert Murphy, at the State Department.

They claim that the Soviet Government ten years ago carried out a forced deportation to Siberia of their people from their home in the present province of Sinkiang, in Western China, north of Tibet.—Reuter.

Mexico City, Jan. 19.

Felipe Ladelski, 50, failed his driver's test yesterday.

He ran over examining officer Pablo Caja Ortiz.

Ortiz sustained a fractured leg.—United Press.

Plan To Send US Farm Surplus Abroad Attacked

Washington, Jan. 19.

President Eisenhower's plan to earmark $1,000,000,000 (£357,000,000) worth of farm surplus to friendly countries drew sharp criticism in the Senate today.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr Ezra Benson, told the Senate Agriculture Committee yesterday the President would suggest the plan in his budget speech on Thursday.

Mr Benson said today it was not planned to give all the million dollars worth of goods away.

He was replying to Senator Andre Schoeppel (Republican) who said the President's plan would disrupt world markets, already nervous about what was going to be done with American farm surpluses.

"A good part of it would be sold," Mr Benson told the Senate Agriculture Committee. He added that some might be given away and such gifts often created more goodwill than direct dollar aid.

Senator Schoeppel said foreign countries would be reluctant to buy if they knew they were going to get free surpluses. Mr Benson assured him that "we do not want to disrupt their markets," or strain trade and other relationships.—Reuter.

"Pamphlets Came By Rocket To East Germany"

Berlin, Jan. 19.

The East German Interior Ministry claimed tonight that rockets launched from the British and American zones had dropped pamphlets over Eastern Germany recently, asking the people to contact western sabotage and espionage organisations.

The East German communique also claimed that imperialist agents were organising acts of sabotage against the East Berlin to disrupt the coming four-power talks in Berlin.

The Interior Ministry agencies had been told to take retaliatory steps to prevent the conference from being disrupted, the communique stated.

"Seven Pillars Of Wisdom" Is Almost Entirely A Novel Says Biographer

London, Jan. 19.

British author Richard Aldington 61, has found "astounding inconsistencies and contradictions" in the legend of Lawrence of Arabia and has stated in the biography of Colonel T. E. Lawrence that the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" is almost entirely a novel.

The London Evening Standard reported this tonight. It said Collins and Co. would shortly publish Mr Aldington's book.

Mr Aldington, the Evening Standard says, also alleges that then Mr Winston Churchill as Secretary of State For War never offered Lawrence the position of High Commissioner in Egypt which Lawrence said he was offered and which he refused.

The Evening Standard reported that the reputation and integrity of Lawrence, author of the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" and one of Britain's greatest World War I personalities had been devastatingly attacked by Aldington in his biography of Lawrence.

The Evening Standard said that Aldington, during his research, had been astounded by the inconsistencies and contradictions in the legend of Lawrence of Arabia.

The report said the publishers had had Aldington's manuscript in hand for 18 months, checking the allegations contained in it regarding the man who led Arab irregulars in harassing attacks against the Turks from southern Arabia to Damascus during World War I.

In his "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," Lawrence asserted that he was asked by the present Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill (then Secretary of State for War) to succeed Lord Allenby as British High Commissioner in Egypt, but that he refused the offer.

ALL DENIED IT

The newspaper said that Aldington had checked this point with three experts, all of whom denied that Lawrence had been asked to take the post.

The experts were: Lord Lloyd, whose father succeeded Allenby, Leopold Stennit Amery, who was Assistant Secretary of the War Cabinet and Imperial War Cabinet in 1917, and Middle Eastern specialist and former Military Governor of Jerusalem in 1917, Sir Ronald Storrs.

The Evening Standard added that Aldington had also received a denial from a far more important leading British citizen whom he did not name.

Aldington was reported to have said in his biography that the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" was almost entirely a novel.

After his exploits in the Middle East, Colonel Lawrence went into complete obscurity and joined Britain's young Royal Air Force under the name of Aircraftsman T. E. Shaw. He also saw a little service in the Tank Corps.

"A GENIUS"

Lawrence remained in the ranks under the name of Shaw, although several stories have been published of attempts to force him to emerge from obscurity into public life again.

His great love was to speed around the countryside on a powerful motor-cycle. It was while he was riding this machine that he was killed in an accident in 1935 at Bovington in Dorset.

Today, a bust of Lawrence stands in St Paul's Cathedral in London.

King Feisal of Saudi Arabia said of Lawrence in 1933 that he was a genius, "who will not be understood in our time."

In 1936, Sir (then Mr) Winston Churchill said that if the Great War had lasted another few years, Lawrence might have realised Napoleon's dream—the conquest of the Orient.—France-Presse.

145 Karen Rebels Surrender

Rangoon, Jan. 19.

The biggest surrender of Karen rebels in the past year was reported today from Anyatkyi, 170 miles north of Rangoon, where "Brigadier" Saw Kyau Lay and 144 of his men handed over their arms to a unit of the Burmese Army.

Saw Kyau gave up his pistol to Colonel Sein Win of the Burmese Army and his men turned in their rifles and arms.

In addition, Karenni tribesmen under Saw Kyau Lay's leadership gave themselves up.

The authorities in Rangoon said that this first mass surrender appeared likely to be followed by others which would clear the way to peace with the Karens who had been in rebellion against the Burmese Government since 1946.

BULLYING TACTICS

The reason for the surrender, the rebels said, was their disapproval of some rebel leaders because of bullying tactics and the commandeering of supplies.

The Karen rebellion started in the first place because the Constitution of Burma, adopted when the country became independent in 1947, provided for the establishment of a Karen State within the Union.

Because of the difficulty in determining a satisfactory boundary this Karen State has never been established.

Fighting first flared up in August, 1948, when the rebels seized the Mawchi mining area where yesterday's surrender took place.—United Press.

French Interest In Meeting Of Caids And Oulemas

Paris, Jan. 19.

Reports reaching here that the Caids and Oulemas (local district chiefs) of the Spanish zone of Morocco planned to meet on January 21 today attracted much attention in French political circles.

The reports had stated that these local leaders might proclaim Moulay el Hassan Ben el Mehdi, the Caliph of the Spanish zone sultanate, as "Regent and Guardian of the Sherifian throne". Sidi Mohammed Ben Moulay, who became Sultan in French Morocco last August, had never been recognised in Spanish Morocco.

It is hoped here that the meeting will merely express loyalty to the Spanish government, or approve its Arab policy. It is, however, considered possible that the meeting will adopt proposals which might threaten the unity of Morocco as established under the Algeciras Treaty and the 1912 Spanish-French Agreement.

It was indicated here that the French Government would defend these agreements by every means at its disposal.—France-Presse.

Quinlan Going Back To Work In Korea

Cork, Ireland, Jan. 19.

Monsignor Thomas Quinlan, Irish Roman Catholic missionary who was imprisoned by Communists during the Korean war, set off today to go back to Korea.

Monsignor Quinlan, who returned home to Ireland from captivity last April, has been appointed Apostolic Regent of the Apostolic delegation in Korea.

He said today as he boarded the liner America at Cobh, County Cork, to begin the first stage of his journey back: "I always knew, even when things were at their worst during my imprisonment, that one day I would return again to Korea."—Reuter.

He Is Going To Preach To Savages

Thirty-one-year-old Mr Roy Challacombe, of Malden Court, Bute Road, Wallington, London, is going to preach Christianity to the Maku Indians, a tribe of savages about whom little is known and who inhabit unexplored jungle up the Amazon.

He sails in March with an Italian, Ernest Migliazza, under the auspices of the newly formed West Amazon Mission, to do pioneer work that other societies have declared too venturesome.

They face many difficulties. The Indians may be hostile, the climate is equatorial, transport by jungle rivers dangerous and difficult.

In a neighbouring area, the Three Freds, missionaries with an identical Christian name, were clubbed to death by natives in 1935.

MISSION WORK

When friends say that he is foolish to embark on such a mission, Mr Challacombe replies that he is called by God to preach the Gospel in the West Amazon.

He attended a State school, served in the Royal Navy and became an engineer. He looked forward to success on demobilisation. But happiness did not come. He found "darkness and depression" until, joining a Christian youth club, he underwent a remarkable conversion.

Then he felt called to mission work and trained for two years at the All Nations' Bible College.

"Once we are in the interior we shall live by faith. Others have done it, so shall we," he said.—London Express Service.

Egyptian Police Round Up Communist Cell

Alexandria, Jan. 19.

Police said tonight that they had arrested four young Egyptians as members of the illegal Communist Party of Egypt.

The spokesman added that police had seized a large trunk full of subversive literature, books, magazines and pamphlets written in Arabic and French, a library containing many books on Communism, and a printing press.

A University student, reportedly known for his Communist activity, has also been arrested.—Reuter.

Paris, Jan. 19.

Admiral Earl Mountbatten, Allied Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean, arrived here today for a two-day visit to Supreme Allied Headquarters.

He discussed the problems of his command with the Supreme Allied Commander, General Alfred Gruenther, and his chief aides.

He is due to leave Paris on Thursday for Rome, where he is to co-ordinate the search for the wreckage of the British Overseas Airways Corporation Comet jet airliner which crashed into the sea off Elba nine days ago.—Reuter.

Ceylon's Premier Calls On Asia To Fight Reds

New Delhi, Jan. 19.

Ceylon's Premier, Sir John Kotelawala, called upon South-East Asian countries to co-operate in fighting Communism.

The sponsor of the Asian Premiers' conference listed poverty, hunger and disease as "the common battlefront on our very doorstep."

"The ugly form of Communism rears its head above us," he said in an address to the Indian Council of World Affairs in Parliament Hall.

Sir John described patriotism as "the main force for survival of freedom, which must be protected at all costs against foreign interference through Communist activities."

"Communism in Asia, which owes no loyalties to anyone but the international movement, unfortunately thrives because in our democratic way of life we honour the liberties of our citizens," he added.

"Communism is entirely foreign to the religious, cultural and social traditions of our people. We can achieve more by acting in concert than by the efforts of individual nations."

He said the idea of the Asian Prime Ministers' conference was born from Asia's plight.

Sir John said that with the world divided into two camps, the emergence of an Asian bloc which both sides respected and heeded, "may well be the only means of averting a third world war."

"It is time that we realised that Asia cannot afford to have foreign policies which drag on domestic development," he said.

"The future of Asia cannot be built on free give-aways, foreign gunboat visits and mass concentration of armed strength."—United Press.

From New Zealand come these delightful and amusing stories of the Royal Tour

"IT'S ME!" SAID THE QUEEN

By J. C. GRAHAM

Auckland.

IT is not the big formal occasions but the unrehearsed, informal incidents which are proving most popular in New Zealand during the visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Like the time the Queen heard two small girls arguing whether she was really the Queen or her sister—or the time the Duke walked unannounced into a hospital kitchen.

Here are a few of the incidents that have endeared the Royal visitors to New Zealanders:—

First Person Singular.—At a youth rally the Queen was driving through close-packed ranks of children in a Land Rover. Above the shrill cheers she heard two very small girls arguing hotly in high-pitched tones.

"I tell you it's Princess Margaret," one shouted.

The Queen told a dinner guest later: "I couldn't resist the impulse. I leaned over and said: 'No, it's me!'"

Strangled Cry

Not Quite Speechless.—A youthful kitchen-maid was washing dishes with might and main in the hospital kitchen. She hoped to get through in time to take a peep at great events outside. Suddenly the door opened. She looked round casually—then up went the tea-towel in a convulsive gesture. All she could utter was a strangled cry: "Oooo-o-o—Phllip!"

Thumbs Up.—Attending an Air Force parade, the Duke missed a salute from an officer on the dais. In discreet wifely fashion the Queen drew his attention to the omission. Quickly the Duke threw a smart salute, then, as he entered his car, he grinned broadly at the officer and almost surreptitiously gave the "thumbs up" sign.

Right Total, Wrong Result.—An aged Maori knew that when he was presented to the Royal visitors, two handshakes would be involved. But in the excitement of the moment he became confused. So he shook hands twice with the Queen and walked past the smiling Duke without acknowledging his presence.

Most Surprised

Royal Chauffeur.—One small boy waiting to see the visitors pass demanded indignantly as the Royal car approached, 'Dad, can't the Duke drive?" But New Zealanders are getting used to the fact that he not only can, but does. Both on official routes, and in completely unannounced private sightseeing tours round cities, the Duke has several times taken over the wheel, with the Queen sitting in the front seat beside him. On such occasions the chauffeur sits in lonely state behind, giving instructions on the route.

Most surprised person on one drive was New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr S.G. Holland. With a long start on the official procession, he was preceeding on to the next stopping place when a car swept past at a spanking 80 miles an hour. In it were the Royal visitors he was going ahead to announce.

Sailing Lesson.—When the Duke went for an afternoon's sail on Auckland harbour, the crew were prepared to show him the tricks of wind and the tide which make the area a vantage site for those with local knowledge. But they didn't get the chance to air their wisdom. The Duke took the helm, guided the yacht out into the fairway, put her through her paces, and ended by picking up the moorings on return. Said the owner reflectively, "He knows all there is to know about yachts."

Complete with Price Tags.—A group of Maoris took up positions early to see the Queen pass by on a country road. They were a bit grubby and they consumed a large meal of fish and chips, soft drinks and other delicacies. But a few minutes before the Royal car was due, a transformation was performed. The mother opened a large suitcase and dressed each of her large brood in brand new clothes—complete with price tags.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"And now, Comrades, the People's Melody Makers will play the great new Soviet song hit: 'How much is that doggie in the Co-Operative?'"

Average Russian And Beria

By ALBERT PARRY

IF past performance is any criterion, the man in the Soviet street must have obtained great satisfaction at the arrest, trial and execution of Lavrenti Beria.

Russians who were in the Soviet Union at the time of the great purges of the 1930's, but who since escaped, tell us that the general feeling was one of glee that the oppressors were exterminating one another.

In those years, the great guessing game was what "beloved son of the party" would become an enemy of the people or a "mad-dog agent of foreign imperialists."

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Beria's arrest must have confirmed the old native feeling that anyone in Russia can be thrown into gaol, and for any or no reason. Some of this feeling goes back to Czarist times with the well-known folk-saying that anyone could find himself "either a convict or a beggar"—the Muscovite equivalent of our own jest about the inevitability of death and taxes.

Along the same line there is a bitter quip on Soviet questionnaires. This one says that in every questionnaire handed out by a Soviet official to a Soviet citizen the following question inevitably occurs:

"Have you ever been arrested? If not, why not?"

A trenchant folk-observation in the Soviet Union has it that the entire Soviet population is divided into three categories: (1) Those who have had the experience of imprisonment and survived; (2) those who are under arrest now, and (3) those who are yet to be arrested.

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The absurd falsity of charges in Soviet political "crimes," as viewed by the people of Russia, is illustrated by this popular anecdote:

A teacher in a Moscow evening school for adults asked:

"Likutsky, who wrote Hamlet?"

Shaking in his torn boots, Likutsky got up to answer:

'Not I, comrade teacher, not I!"

Before the Red teacher could recover from his surprise, another adult pupil rose from his seat:

"I am the local representative of the secret police, comrade teacher. I know Likutsky. He can be trusted. If he says he didn't do it, well then, he didn't do it, you can be sure of that."

But later that evening a telephone call reached the teacher in his lodgings:

"This is the secret police, comrade teacher. You know, your question made us think twice. We arrested Likutsky and grilled him, and he confessed everything. He did write Hamlet after all."

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And that is the Soviet yarn about three men in a Moscow prison cell, comparing notes on their misfortune. Said one:

"I was tried and convicted for maligning comrade Karl Radek. I was accused of saying that Radek was a Rightist deviationist."

"Oh yes," nodded one of his cell-mates. "I remember your case well. You see, I was

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DEADLY WEDLOCK: third day

Then the inspector asked me 'Are you a murderess?'

NICKIE, a famous model, discovers that her husband has murdered two people. As she cannot give evidence against him while still his wife she decides to divorce him—and send him to the gallows. She knows that if he guesses her plan he will kill her too. And then, in court, she sees a man she once loved — JEFFREY BARING.

By Leonard Mosley

Tuesday.

ALL last night, and again this morning, I have been telephoning Jeffrey Baring to ask him how and why he is involved in my divorce, but all I get is the empty burr-burr of an unanswered line.

I have told my counsel about him and sworn that everything between us was over long before I met Bristol. I have not been a disloyal or unfaithful wife.

My counsel does not seem to be worried.

"My dear Mrs Roberts," he said, "it may merely be their intention to show that there were other men in your life before you married. Evidence to build up your husband's case that he is an understanding, not to say forgiving, spouse."

But I know Bristol too well to believe he has brought Jeffrey Baring into the case to make a minor effect. He must have a darker motive.

I sat by the window with the telephone in my hand, dialling Jeffrey's number once more. Down below me, in the street, I could see Bristol's hired spy.

There was a ring at the front door and I put down the telephone and went to answer it. A youngish, pleasant-looking man was standing there. "Mrs Roberts? I'm Inspector Rayner of Scotland Yard. May I come in and talk to you?" And, as I hesitated: "I'm quite genuine. Here are my credentials."

THE PORTRAIT

I LED him into the flat and poured him a cup of coffee.

"Do you recognise this portrait?" he asked, watching me closely.

"Yes," I said. "It's Lydia Clifford. She's dead."

He nodded. "That's right, Mrs Roberts. Did you know her?"

"She was my husband's patient. No. I didn't know her well."

"Never visited her in her home, for instance?"

"I don't understand," I said.

"Don't you? Then perhaps I had better explain. Last Friday night we had a call from a Kensington doctor. He asked us if we would go and see one of his patients—a man named Edmund Clifford. Yes, the husband of Lydia.

"Well, Edmund Clifford's doctor explained that his patient seemed to have something on his mind. He kept muttering his wife's name and saying: 'Lydia didn't kill herself. She was murdered.'"

He looked at me as he said it. "Yes, Mrs Roberts. *Murdered* was the word he used."

I said: "He didn't mention murder at the inquest."

"Clifford said he didn't discover it until too late. It was only when he went through his wife's bureau that he found a half-finished letter, Mrs Roberts, in which Lydia threatened to report Dr Roberts to the Medical Council for unprofessional conduct."

THE NEGLIGEE

HE stopped as if expecting me to say something, but when I stayed silent he went on: "Then he got to thinking about things. He remembered, for instance, that when he left his wife on the evening she died she was wearing a flowered negligee——"

"What?"

"A flowered negligee, Mrs Roberts. But when he came home and found her body she was wearing a dressing-gown. Clifford says he wouldn't have worried about it, if only he could have found the negligee. Would you know where that negligee went to, Mrs Roberts?"

The question came so quietly that for a moment I didn't take it in, and then I put my hand to my mouth. For I remembered now about the negligee — remembered Bristol stuffing it into his coat—remembered where it went when we got back to the house. But I couldn't speak.

"Clifford says that despite this he wouldn't have suspected murder," Inspector Rayner went on, "but a week after the funeral a cleaning woman brought these to him."

The inspector drew a pair of net gloves from an envelope.

"Do you think these gloves would fit you, Mrs Roberts?"

"Don't be coy, inspector," I said. "They are mine."

"Yes," he said. "They have your initials on them—N.F.T.—Nicola Forbes-Temple. Did you drop them?"

"I must have done," I said.

The inspector stood up, and his smile vanished, and he was the stern policeman all of a sudden. "Did you kill Lydia Clifford, Mrs Roberts?"

"No."

Illustration by ROBB

Only the thought of that spy outside stopped me screaming . . .

Before he could ask anything more, I looked at the clock. "Inspector, I shall be late in court—and this divorce means a lot to me. Can't you question me afterwards?"

He hesitated, and then smiled again. "All right. After the adjournment."

We went down then and took a taxi. Just before I left him to go into court I said: "Tell me, inspector, could you prove that Lydia Clifford was murdered—on the strength of her husband's story?"

He shrugged. "It's a matter for the Public Prosecutor to decide. Personally, I think we should have to know a lot more—and there isn't much time."

"Why?" I asked.

"Because Edmund Clifford is a dying man."

"In that case," I said, "you will be interested in my divorce."

THE CHILD

BRISTOL smiled up at me gently from the well of the court.

From the witness-box I went over and over the sordid catalogue of a wrecked marriage.

The moment came when Bristol's counsel rose to question me. He asked me questions about my career as a model.

"Why did you marry Bristol Roberts?"

"Because I loved him."

"Of course," he said, silkily. "Would you say that your change of feeling towards him dates back to the time when you lost your baby?"

I hesitated and finally nodded. "You could put it like that."

Counsel bent forward. "It was your husband's baby, not someone else's?"

"How dare you?" I cried. "Of course it was Bristol's!"

Said the judge: "What are you getting at, Mr Squires?"

"Only," hurriedly interposed counsel, "that my client also has no doubt *now* that the child was his, but that suggestions were made to him at the time that such was not the case."

"He admits that he was angry and unjust to his wife when she told him of her condition—but we shall bring evidence forward that, in the circumstances, and at the time, he thought he was justified. M'lud, the whole case for the defendant is that he still loves his wife, is devastated by the bringing of this case, and believes he can restore the marriage and win back his wife's love. He admits many of the things his wife has charged him with and is deeply sorry for them."

THE JUDGE

COUNSEL turned to me. "Mrs Roberts, you do believe me, don't you, when I tell you that my client is desperately anxious to remain married to you?"

"Yes," I said, "I believe that."

"He still loves you, in fact?"

"No." I said, "he loathes me and hates me and fears me." And turning to the judge, I went on: "My lord, please, please believe me. It is not love that moves my husband to preserve this marriage. He just doesn't want me to be free."

At which, to my own astonishment as much as anyone else's, I burst into tears.

"I think, in the circumstances," he said, "that we might adjourn. There are things about this case which are not clear to me. I think, before I hear any of the witnesses for the petitioner, I should like to hear from her husband. Will you see that he is available tomorrow?"

The judge moved out of the court. I turned to my counsel. "My husband'll talk them round," I said. "They'll believe everything he says!"

Counsel patted my hand, but I knew he agreed with me.

THE VOICE

WHEN I got outside the court I looked round for Inspector Rayner, but I could not see him. Bristol came out, blowing me a kiss as he went, with Edna Vane behind him, still looking stony. But at least Jeffrey Baring had not been in court today, so I was not worried about him.

I bought myself a meal. Then I went into a cinema.

It was late when I got home. The little spy was still outside.

I had just opened the door of the flat when I felt someone behind me, but before I could see who it was I was bundled inside and the door was closed.

"Nicola," said a voice, and an arm came around my waist. "Dear Nicola, how nice to be with you again."

It was only the thought of the little spy outside which prevented me from screaming.

NEXT: Scotland Yard steps in

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

WHILE Mr Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill are trying to stop the world from blowing itself up, while rich men are trying to buy up hotels before they and the hotels are blown up with it, and while exceptionally mean and crafty people were delaying the purchase of presents until the last moment in case everything went bang before Christmas, there is a Mr Thomas William Clarke quietly counting the number of times the word "the" appears in the Bible.

Mr Clarke has already added up the "ands." His total was 54,708. But he is not at all sure if he is right.

"There might be one or two more," he told a reporter. "You can miss them occasionally."

The report does not give details, like most reports, of Mr Clarke's age, height, weight, and colour of eyes and hair, if any. Nor does it say if he is married.

So we may never know if he is "40-year-old, 6ft. 6in., 17 stone, blue-eyed, fair-haired Mr Clarke" or "50-year old, 5ft. 10in., 11 stone, brown-eyed, dark-haired Mr Clarke" or just "70-year-old, 5ft. nothing, 7 stone, grey-eyed, balding Mr Clarke."

But if he belongs to the last category it seems as if the rest of his life will be spent counting "ands" and "thes"; and if he is married, and spending all his evenings on the job, you could hardly blame Mrs Clarke for hoping that somebody would blow up the world and Mr Clarke tomorrow.

"I think I shall have to count the 'ands' again, dear."

"I thought you were counting the 'thes.'"

"Yes, dear, but I can't concentrate on the 'thes' until I am certain about the 'ands.'"

"If you count the 'ands' again and get a different result how do you know which one will be right?"

"With your help and encouragement, dear, I shall have to count them all over again."

This is where the old *Punch* gag "collapse of stout party" would be justified if there is a Mrs Clarke and if she is a stout party.

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ANOTHER ostrich with his head well in the sand is a correspondent of *Reveille*, who writes:

"Whenever I go out with a girl and get a lip stick stain on my white collar I write on it the name of the girl and the date. If I am ever depressed out comes my collection of collars and my sadness vanishes in a flood of romantic memories."

As Eisenhower's speech does not seem to have made a big impression on Malenkov you can always fiddle with your collars while the world is burning, can't you, chum?

Boys Will Be Girls

SENDING a fitter to Coventry because he has worked during the engineers' token strike at the Hawker aircraft works at Blackpool reminds a commentator of a girls' school.

Remember, boys. The foreman says nobody to speak to George for six months.

Six years would suit me, I'm sure. Nasty, stuck-up thing.

When he tried to speak to me I looked straight through him.

When he tried to speak to me I said, "Ooh, what was that? Did the wind blow?"

You are a scream, Raymond.

Cave, chaps. He's coming over here to look for his spanner.

Where did you hide it?

Never mind. Turn your backs, everybody. And stop giggling, Leonard.

I can't help it, really I can't. Did I hear somebody ask for a spanner?

I thought it was somebody asking to borrow a tanner.

Raymond, I always said you ought to be on the stage.

I know somebody else who ought to be on the stage, too.

What as?

As Tarzan of the Apes. When I first saw his chest I thought he was wearing a hearth-rug.

Oh, stop it, Raymond. I shall die in a minute.

He's going to look for his spanner somewhere else now.

Do tell me where you hid it. Please, Raymond.

In the same place where I hid his lunch.

You haven't hidden his lunch, too?

Of course I have.

I say, you are awful.

Keyhole Snoop

A REPORT from America says that divorce figures do not give an accurate picture of marital unhappiness in the United States "as there are many thousands of married couples living in open hostility."

The name of the investigator is not given, but it is still interesting to ask how he arrived at his conclusions and what is his definition of open hostility.

Did the unhappy couples throw crockery at each other while he was their guest, or pull each other's hair, or push each other over when they met, or fight long and breathless duels with kitchen utensils and fire tongs?

Did they stick pins in each other, or bite each other? Or did they just glare at each other and mutter insults as they passed on the stairs?

If they did none of these things in his presence, if he never stood in the kitchen with a notebook while crockery whizzed about his ears, if he never acted as referee as the struggling forms of his host and hostess fought it out on the dining-room floor, it is difficult to understand how he knew they were living in open hostility.

I can only suggest that he stayed the night and listened at keyholes as they cursed each other to sleep.

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN . . . by Walter

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Constant Finessing Means Trouble

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE declarer in today's hand was obviously a victim of finesomania. When West opened the seven of diamonds, South unthinkingly played low from the dummy in order to take the finesse.

This was a bad time to finesse. East won with the king of diamonds and shifted to the six of spades. West won with the king of spades and then cleverly led the deuce of spades, allowing dummy's jack to win.

South had to begin the hearts to have any play for his contract, and this permitted East to take the ace of hearts and return his last spade. This was just what West had been hoping for when he led the deuce of spades to dummy's jack.

West now had the ace-ten of spades over South's queen-nine and was bound to win two more tricks in the end. Three spade tricks, a diamond, and a heart were enough to defeat the contract.

While you're shedding a tear for South, see what would have happened if he had been healthy enough to resist the finesse at the first trick. South wins the first trick in dummy with the ace of diamonds and leads a low heart towards his ten.

East can take his ace of hearts when he likes, and the defenders can take a heart, a diamond and two spades if they wish to do so. If they fail to take their four tricks at once, South averages the lead and can take at least four clubs, four hearts and a diamond.

In short, nothing can defeat the contract if South refuses the finesse at the first trick in order to establish the heart at once. But how defence did beat the contract when South yielded to temptation at the first trick.

	NORTH (D) 20	
	♠ J 6	
	♥ K Q J 9 3	
	♦ A 10 3	
	♣ K J 6	
WEST		EAST
♠ A K 10 2		♠ 6 4 3
♥ 6 2		♥ A 7 6 4
♦ 7 6 5		♦ K 9 8 2
♣ 8 7 3 2		♣ 9 4
	SOUTH	
	♠ Q 8 8 7	
	♥ 10 8	
	♦ Q J 4	
	♣ A Q 10 5	

Both sides vul

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 N T	Pass
3 N.T	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♦ 7

♥ CARD Sense ♠

Q. The bidding has been

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
2 Spades	Pass	?	

You, South, hold Spades K-J-7-3-2, Heart 9, Diamonds 5-4-2, Clubs 7-6-3-2. What do you do?

A—Pass. You didn't really have the values for your first bid, and if your partner couldn't go all the way to game there should not be a good play for game. You might take a change if your singleton were in one of the unbid suits, but as your hand stands you have no excuse to go on.

TODAY'S QUESTION

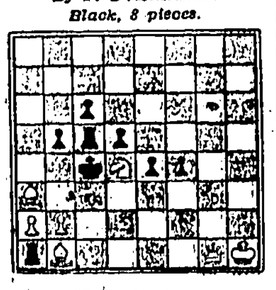
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7-3-2, Heart 9, Diamonds K-5-2, Clubs 7-6-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. OVERKAMP.

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—B3, any; 2, Q, R, or Kt mates.

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

HOW can a man with a squint see whether he is bandy-legged or knock-kneed?

Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has carried out several experiments which showed that a bandy-legged man whose leg goes to sleep at a dinner table will probably pinch the leg of the lady next to him, mistaking it for his own. A knock-kneed man would be more likely to pinch his own leg.

Again, a knock-kneed man tends to get his left leg into his right trouser, and vice versa. A bandy-legged man may miss both trouser-legs and fall to the floor. A man with one leg bandy and one knee knock generally approaches the trousers sideways, and leans away from them, like a motor-cycle passenger in a side-car at a sharp corner.

Swedish jockey's predicament

THE Swedish bophomologist, Dr Axel Gries, in a series of articles in the *Svenska Dassondrott* reveals the curious fact that bandy-legged Swedes wear brief trousers. These are made especially for them. Dr Gries also told the story of a knock-kneed jockey who, when once he was on a horse, clipped it so tightly with his knees that, to get him off they had to turn the horse upside down and shake him free.

Something wrong somewhere

MISS CLARE BORCHARDT, a reception hostess at the offices of Stocks Veneer, Grotson and Cutler-mole Paper Bag Exporters, cross-examined by Mr Honeyweather Goosebooke, said that a boy who had stuck his head through the recently painted railings of the wholesale annexe was released by two warden ladies who refused to give their names.

Goosebooke: What I asked you was, have you seen this whistle?

Knockkneecarrot: Is this germane to the case?

Goosebooke: Her answer certainly isn't.

Snapdriver: I think she is in the wrong court. I begin to think we all are.

Goosebooke: Miss Borchardt, tell the court what it is you are trying to tell the court.

Miss B.: I'm trying to, but I don't understand all this about a whistle. Who said anything about a whistle?

Knockkneecarrot, Goosebooke, and Snapdriver (*in chorus*): WE did!

Don't you believe it!

PEOPLE living in lonely parts of Staffordshire are being warned by the police against very small men who visit remote houses and allege that they have just landed in saucers from Venus, and are in need of food and shelter.

DUMB-BELLS

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

BORN today, self-reliance is the key to your personal success. If you depend upon the opinions or decisions of others, you will fall short of the goal which the stars say you should be able to reach before middle life. It will appear that your powers of achievement are at their greatest height during the early spring or late autumn of the year. Plan your most ambitious projects for those periods as you then have an excess of energy to put into your work.

You have the gift of eloquence and will probably speak several. Fond of travel, you will find this is an asset wherever you go. The stars have also bequeathed you the gift of the written word and there is probably a latent talent for creative writing which you should utilise. Poetry is a major interest, although you may not necessarily follow this as a profession since you may feel that family responsibilities call for something which gives you a higher and a more immediate material compensation.

Your ties of kin are very strong and you will work hard to see that members of your own family have everything they want as well as what they actually need. You will make personal self-sacrifices and once you have espoused a cause, you are sincere and loyal to the end. You will be happiest if you wed early and have a large family, since you are most content when surrounded by the members of your own family group.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Take a look at your insurance just now. Are you properly and well-protected on all counts?

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The opportunity of your life could be just around the corner, so keep your eyes wide open.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Your job may call for practical experience as well as a large dose of patience at this time.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If a friend requests help, be generous, for later on you may need assistance and can ask for it with a clear conscience.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't give out with the loud advice unless you are asked for it or you might be called "bossy."

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If a deal is hanging fire, either close it or dismiss it from your mind. Don't leave it dangling any longer.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be self-assured, but know where you are going, just the same. Be sure you know what you need to know!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Rules and regulations are usually made for a good reason, so follow them if you are to secure the proper results.

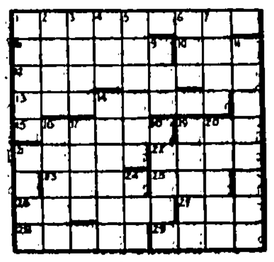
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Friendship can prove important in your life. Make the most of it and you will benefit spiritually.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You could initiate something new in your profession, but be sure that it is highly practical, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be sure that what you are working so hard to achieve is really what you want most out of life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Things may not go as smoothly as you had hoped, but you can help by being methodical and conscientious.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Pet it. Laud (anag.). (9)
8. Ring around the electric current. (6)
10. Tasty on toast. (3)
12. Do they grow on bergs? (3, 6)
13. Untidy before the long, long wait. (8)
15. Small orchestra for a penny, or told off. (6)
19. Everything stops for it. (3)
21. Plead differently. (5)
22. A berry often goes with this. (4)
23. He belonged to Toad Hall. (4)
25. Loved next to Nature. (3)
26. I'm germ, so look out for my anagram. (6)
27. Not otherwise. (8)
28. By any other name it could smell as sweet. (1, 4)
29. Pass for snakes. (4)

Down

1. Carmen for instance the first (5)
2. Honiton And Brussels are linked with this. (4)
3. Top fliers. (4)
4. This is the end. (3)
5. After you get in, dial back. (5)
6. Grecian one has an ode to itself. (3)
7. Divots minus four. (4)
9. What a joke to the music-halls (8)
11. Pose me with an anagram. (8)
14. Where's a big cut for spit with those. (8)
16. Second one is not up to much. (6)
17. If you do this to wheels, you'll hold up things. (4)
18. The doctor is followed by a Master of Arts. (5)
19. Queen of Hearts was adept with these. (5)
20. A lawful stoppage. (5)

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21. Maybe it sounds as if Mother is being asked to sit down but not on the wild cat. (6)

Old soldiers never do. (4)

WHAT'S HER LINE?

P. L. K. MAGUIRE

Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

"Best sheep dog I've ever had!"

WOMANSENSE

IF YOUR HUSBAND IS A GENIUS—

By EILEEN ASCROFT

HOW easy is it to marry genius and stay married? Impossible, according to film star Rita Hayworth, who had four years and a daughter with Hollywood bright boy, Orson Welles. Finally she left him with this plaintive cry: "I could not keep up with his irrepressible genius 24 hours a day."

Miss Hayworth has backing for her heart-cry. History is strewn with wives who could not keep up with the genius of their husbands.

But last week a leggy, 25-year-old blonde arrived in London claiming that genius is easy to live with.

Married to another wonder boy of the film world, 41-year-old Jose Ferrer, husky "Come-on-a my house" singer Rosemary Clooney couldn't look happier with her prize from the marriage slip.

Singer Rosemary Clooney

'I'M IN LOVE'

Energy and good health help her to keep up with his restless darting mind. But, most important, she realises that there can't be two characters in the Ferrer household. "I happen to be in love with him," she says, "and he is the kind of man who knows so much about so many things that he could project whichever personality a girl happened to want."

The personality produced by Miss Clooney herself is an attractive one. Glamorous, plainish to look at, with an out-of-date hairstyle, few fashionable curves, no nail varnish but a disarming smile and a great delight with the world in general, including Mr Ferrer.

FOUR RULES

From observations of Miss Clooney and other women, lucky enough to have genius in the family, I would say there are four simple rules for keeping the family peace.

First comes energy. "Genius is mainly an affair of energy," said Matthew Arnold, and how right he was. It's not just a question of not getting tired, but the ability of enjoying the continual activity of a brilliant mind. And energy is a thing you either have or you don't; it doesn't come out of bottles.

Secondly, tolerance.—This includes taking all that comes in your stride, including sudden parties, cancelled engagements, unpunctuality, strange friends, long periods of silence and frequent loneliness, many of the things that do not come easily to the female constitution.

Thirdly, good health. — If there's one thing that upsets genius it's ill-health. Headaches are permissible if they happen on a slack afternoon and are over in half an hour. But don't try taking a day in bed if you want to keep the peace.

Lastly, there is homebuilding.—Just because the creator likes to sit up all night with black coffee, it doesn't mean that he doesn't want eggs and bacon sharp at 8.0 a.m. And even when he turns up to the repast looking like a Malayan ape-man, he still deplores you in an old dressing gown and hair curlers.

The genius usually demands an inordinate amount of cosseting and fussing.

There is one charming lady I would name who possesses all the virtues necessary for taming a genius and that is Lady Churchill.

TAMING A GENIUS

Clementine Churchill is a woman of strong character. If she had chosen a public career she would have made a brilliant success of it. The BBC considers her to be one of the two best women broadcasters in the country.

But she has chosen to remain in the shadow of her fabulous husband and has brought to that tempestuous character, comfort, relaxation and happiness in his home.

Lady Churchill once gave this piece of advice to young women. It holds good today for wives with a genius on their hands: "If you find yourself in competition with men, never become aggressive in your rivalry. She who forces her point may well lose her advantage. You will gain far more by quietly holding to your convictions. But even this must be done with art and, above all, with good humour."

THE ADVANTAGES

And what are the advantages of marrying an exceptional male? They can be many for the woman who is content to take second place. A share of the limelight, travel, interesting friends, and, most important of all, the complete lack of boredom.

There have been few female geniuses. Probably just as well, for where are the men who could marry them?

But there is comfort in this saying of Elsie McCormick's from New York: "I think it may as well be admitted that the disease of the endocrine glands called genius simply does not appear among women as frequently as it does among men. If one can find consolation in the thought, neither does idiocy."

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Flowering Plants Add Charm to Kitchen Decor

GONE are those stark white kitchens. Colour has come back—there's even a new hard finish enamel to paint white kitchen equipment the colour you like. And for extra hominess, foliage and flowering plants have returned to the kitchen, just as in Grandmother's time!

"This is a custom I highly approve," observed the Chef. "However, in my kitchen window box, I prefer to grow chives, chervil and parsley—these are decorative and useful."

"Not I, Chef. In my personal kitchen, I'm putting a row of pots of red geraniums on the window sill."

"If you have rose geraniums, Madame, you can use the leaves to flavour apple pie!"

"Chef, don't be so practical. I'm planting ivy, too, in that small copper tea kettle."

"And I, Madame, am planning to grow water chestnuts in a glass casserole!"

The Height of Fashion

"The fact remains that 'planters' — or containers for holding growing plants—are in the height of fashion for every room in the house, whatever the decor. See these lovely crystal sauce boats which I just bought. I'm going to plant lily of the valley bulbs in them. They'll be lovely centrepieces for the dining table!"

Dinner

Salmon Chowder in Bowls
Crackers
Spanish Rice Peas
Carrot Rounds
Cottage Cheese Salad
Apple Cream Pie
Coffee Tea Milk

Salmon Chowder in Bowls

Drain and save the liquid from a 1-lb. tin of salmon. Remove bones and flake the fish in bite-sized pieces. Peel and thin-slice 3 medium-sized white potatoes. Then fry 2 sliced peeled onions in 3 tbsp. butter or margarine until the colour turns. Add 3 tbsp. flour and slow-cook 3 min. Then add the salmon liquid, 2 c. boiling water and the potatoes. Cook about 15 min., or until tender. Add ½ tsp. salt, ⅛ tsp. pepper and ¼ tsp. monosodium glutamate. Stir in 3 c. milk; add the salmon. Bring to a boil and serve in bowls with crisp oyster crackers. If desired, dust with minced parsley.

Apple Cream Pie

Line a 9-in. pie plate with pastry. Pare, core and quarter 4 tart cooking apples. Arrange round-side up in the pie plate. Combine ¾ c. sugar, ½ tbsp. flour, and ½ tsp. salt. Stir in ½ c. milk mixed with ½ c. light cream or undiluted evaporated milk. Pour over and around the apples. Dust with ½ tsp. cinnamon and ¼ tsp. clove. Bake 10 min. in a hot oven, 400° F.; then reduce the heat to 375° F. Bake 30 min. longer, or until the apples are tender and lightly browned.

Trick of the Chef

Add a bay leaf when cooking Spanish rice.

Wife Excels At Law; Husband Applauds

Passaic, N.J.

MRS Serena Bowen is equally adept at changing diapers and debating constitutional law.

Mrs Bowen, an outstanding scholar in Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, is editor of the Rutgers Law Review, the first woman in the publication's 38-year-old history to hold the job.

The 24-year-old housewife overcame paternal objections to a law career after an education at Vassar.

Things became complicated when one-year-old Thane Emerson Bowen, Jr., arrived during his mother's second year at law school. But Mrs Bowen, sleepy-eyed after two months of early morning feedings, caught up with her studies and at the term end won the Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Prize for excellence in constitutional law.

A nurse and a dog later were employed to keep young Thane company during Mom's school hours.

Mrs Bowen's husband, a Clifton, N. J. rose grower, said he "thoroughly approves" of his wife's ambition to graduate next June and enter general law practice with her father and brother.

"I can't make the usual housewife complaints, since he knows more about them than I do," said Mrs Bowen.—United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Goose's Wild Cousins

—They Come Every Year for a Short Visit—

By MAX TRELL

"IT'S the same way every year," said the Goose. "I make this big party for them, I beg them to stay. But they always fly off. And of course," she added, "they always ask me to go with them . . . and I never do."

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, to whom the Goose was saying all this, looked at her with puzzled expression.

"We don't understand what you're saying, dear," Hanid told her. "Who comes every year?"

The Goose's Cousins

"My cousins!" replied the Goose. "Didn't I ever tell you about my cousins?"

Knarf and Hanid suddenly remembered. Yes, the Goose had told them once before about her cousins. But they didn't remember too much of what she had told them, except for one thing.

The one thing they remembered was that the cousins were wild.

"Yes, that's right," the Goose said. "My cousins are wild geese. They're not like me, I'm a tame goose, or as the people I live with say, a domesticated goose. I live at home. My cousins live at home, too—but their home is the whole wide world."

"But what do you mean when you said you gave them a party, dear?" Hanid inquired.

A Pond Party

"I did give them a party," answered the Goose. "A party in the pond. This is what happens. Every summer, my cousins fly up North, far, far up North. Then when winter comes, they start flying South, far, far, South. They fly hundreds and hundreds of miles. But they always stop over at night to rest on lakes and ponds along the way. Sometimes they rest in a lake high up in the mountains. Sometimes they rest in a pond deep in the valley. Sometimes they rest in the marshes, hidden by the marsh grass. But they always stop to rest in my little pond. And I always have a party for them when they come."

"What do you have for them at your party?" Hanid asked.

"Oh, different things," said the Goose. "Sometimes I have corn. Sometimes I have fresh fish, snails and crayfish. But that isn't the important thing. The important thing is that we all see each other and have a chance to talk. Yes, it's the seeing that's important. And we always talk about the same thing. They tell me about their adventures, and I tell them about . . . about—well, I just listen."

"Why? Haven't you any adventures to tell them about?" Knarf asked.

The Goose shook her head. "Adventures? What adventures do I ever have, living here in a back yard? I walk from the back yard to the pond, from the pond to the back yard. I walk up the road and down the road and across the road. Sometimes I meet a Duck. Sometimes I meet a Chicken. Sometimes I meet a Boy or a Girl. Do you call these adventures?"

Not Very Exciting

Knarf and Hanid had to admit that the Goose's adventures were not very exciting. "And what adventures do your cousins have?" Knarf asked.

"I can't begin to describe them," the Goose said. "They see forests stretching for miles and miles. They see deer and foxes and wolves and otters. They see reindeer. They see icebergs. They see polar bears and seals. They see islands in the northern ocean filled with thousands of different kinds of birds. And sometimes," said the Goose, "they see hunters with guns. But my cousins can fly very fast, almost faster than any bird in the whole world. They streak across the sky with their necks stretched out and their beautiful white wings flapping on and on, and as I said before, they always ask me to go with them."

"All I ever do is walk up and down the road," said the Goose.

Knarf and Hanid wondered why the Goose didn't go away with her wild cousins.

"I'd love to go," she said finally in a sad voice. "But there's no use fooling myself. I can't fly as well as they can and it's too late for me to learn. And I'm too used to living in a back yard and having the farmer give me my food. No, I'm afraid I can't ever go with my wild cousins. I've been a tame goose, or as the people I live with say, a domesticated goose too long to be wild any more."

The Goose waddled off. "I'd love to see Mrs Goose's wild cousins one of these days," Knarf was saying to Hanid.

Suddenly, from far off, they heard a honk-honk-honk and there, high in the sky, a dozen white birds were flying, one in front and the rest behind like a squadron of aeroplanes. "The Goose's wild cousins!" Knarf and Hanid cried, "and they're coming this way!"

TOO MUCH PERFUME IS A MISTAKE

By HELEN FOLLETT

MORE than one woman has dipped into the housekeeping funds to buy a bottle of her favourite perfume. For a few days, the family may be served tinned beans, hash and hamburgers, but what of it? Mom will have given herself an uplift that will make her forget for the time being that she must cook and do all the household chores.

Perfume is magic. Every woman is entitled to indulge in this beauty luxury. She should use fragrance wisely, however, and see that all the cosmetics she uses have the same scent. Perfumed face powders, creams, hand lotions and bath toiletries should match.

For toilet water, have an atomiser. Spray shoulders, neck and arms immediately after your bath. The warm flesh will cause the alcoholic content to evaporate, only the perfumed elements will remain.

Don't forget that your nose will become so accustomed to the perfume you use, you will be tempted to wear more than you should. This is a mistake. It is not fair to the public. Too much perfume defeats the purpose.

When in doubt, be moderate in your application. And be in doubt a good part of the time. For a dousing is never as effective as a light spraying.

Perfumes are affected by light, heat and contact with air. So one should keep a bottle of perfume tightly stoppered in a cool place away from direct light.

Rupert's New Year Adventure—23

While Podgy is speaking there is the sound of approaching footsteps. "We mustn't be seen here!" gasps Rupert, as he leaps for the crate and dives head first in beside his pal. "That's funny," mutters the man, "I thought I heard something go bump in this van." He peers inside, but all seems quiet, so, sliding the doors, he shuts and bars them. After a long pause the two friends lift the lid. "He didn't see us and we're locked in," whispers Podgy. At that moment a shrill whistle blows.

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ENGLAND IN A DESPERATE POSITION IN FIRST TEST AGAINST WEST INDIES

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 19.

England were in a desperate position in the first Test match here as the West Indies, refusing to enforce a follow-on, increased their lead to 450 by the close of play today.

With ten hours left for play, the situation was:
West Indies, 1st innings, 417.
England, 1st innings, 170.
West Indies, 2nd innings, 203 for six.

Everton Weekes and C. McWatt made an unbroken seventh wicket stand of 84 after the sixth wicket had fallen at 119.

Weekes, who was limping when he resumed after tea, and McWatt added 60 runs in the first hour after the resumption. There was a light drizzle, but play continued though bowlers used a towel to dry the ball.

Weekes and McWatt stayed till the close, when the West Indies were 450 ahead. They added 84 in 89 minutes, Weekes' own contribution being 86 scored in 210 minutes. He made 12 fours.

He gave only one chance at six, and if Watson had moved more quickly from mid-on he might have made a catch which could have altered the whole position.

The morning cricket did not please the crowd, many of whom slow-handclapped even when the bowlers were running up to the wicket.

England followed a defensive bowling policy until lunch, by which time only 14 overs had been bowled in 62 minutes, and Bailey and Moss continued this policy after lunch. When Statham took over from Moss, he too made the batsmen fight for every run.

With his fifth ball, Statram dismissed Frederick leg before with a ball which kept low, and three men were out for 46.

When the 50 went up after 105 minutes, Bailey's analysis in an unbroken spell was 10 overs, three maidens, 11 runs and one wicket. Weekes was so pinned down that his first six runs took 53 minutes.

Rain clouds began to gather and a few drops sent some spectators to shelter, but play continued.

Weekes, tiring of inactivity, lofted a ball from Statham over Hutton's head at mid-wicket, and Watson, running around from mid-on, just failed to reach it in time.

The first boundary of the afternoon session came after an hour, when Clyde Walcott pierced Bailey's offside field.

Only 34 runs were added in the first hour after lunch, but Weekes and Walcott began to take the initiative, especially against Moss, who was now inclined to overpitch. However, with the total at 92, a thrilling catch by Bailey broke the stand and in the same over Tony Lock bowled George Headley, making half the side out for 94.

The first ball of Lock's next over, Walcott, who was 25, drove hard to cover, and Bailey, making ground swiftly, dived full length in the manner of a rugby player scoring a try and held a great catch. In doing so he grazed his elbow and left the field for attention.

Headley, idol of Jamaican cricket, cut the first ball he received for a single, but the fifth ball of the over wrecked his stumps.

Weekes was playing a great innings for the West Indies, but a few minutes before tea he lost Gomez, who fell leg-before to a ball from Statham which kept low. At tea the West Indies, 121 for six, were 368 runs ahead.

Once just before tea umpire Perry Burke no-balled Lock for throwing, which is believed to be unprecedented in modern Test cricket. All the England players looked up in surprise and Gomez was unable to force the ball away for any runs.

Lock's action has caused some argument for the last few years and he was no-balled by umpire Price at the Oval two years ago.

THE SCOREBOARD

West Indies, 1st Innings, 417
England, 1st Innings, 170
West Indies, 2nd Innings

J. Stollmeyer, c. Evans b. Bailey	8
Frederick, lbw b. Statham	30
J. K. Holt, lbw b. Moss	1
E. Weekes, not out	86
C. Walcott, c. Bailey b. Lock	25
G. Headley, b. Lock	1
G. Gomez, lbw b. Statham	3
C. McWatt not out	34
Extras	15
Total (for six wickets)	203

Fall of wickets: 1/28, 2/31, 3/46, 4/92, 5/94, 6/119.

Bowling To Date

	O	M	R	W
Statham	14	1	47	2
Trueman	6	0	32	0
Bailey	20	4	46	1
Moss	10	0	30	1
Lock	12	2	33	2

—Reuter.

22 Nations In Davis Cup European Zone

Melbourne, Jan. 19.

Twenty-two nations will go into the hat at Melbourne Town Hall on Wednesday morning when the draw is made for the European Zone competition in the 1954 Davis Cup.

Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, will make the draw.

The nations entered are:

The Netherlands, Austria, France, Monaco, Denmark, Italy, Luxemburg, Turkey, Sweden, Germany, Finland, Spain, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Norway, Egypt Brazil, Hungary, Belgium, Britain, Ireland, and New Zealand.

The Association's Council, an announcement said, has decided that this year's Challenge Round match will be played in Australia on December 27, 28 and 29.

Entries for the North American Zone close on February 3, the announcement said, and the draw will be made on February 10.

The British West Indies and Mexico are the only nations entered so far, the announcement added.—United Press.

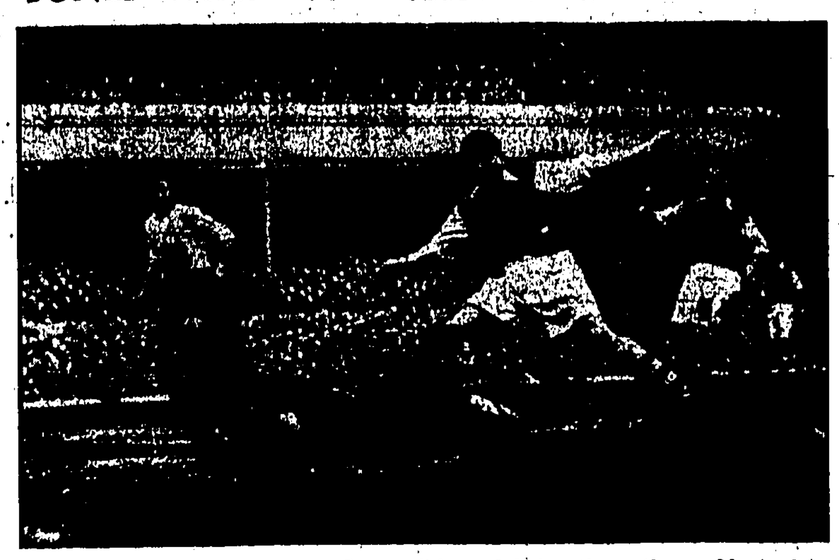
World Record At Speed Skating

Paris, Jan. 19.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, announced tonight that Halina Shchegoleeva today beat the women's world record for the 3,000 Metres by 4.6 seconds with a time of 5 minutes 9.2 seconds at Alma Ata (Kazakhstan).

Tass said that the woman skater, who was competing in the Kazakhstan Championships, beat the record set last year by Rioma Jukova.—France-Presse.

JONES WINS BY A LENGTH IN CUP TIE



Aston Villa goalkeeper Jones slithers full length on the muddy turf to snatch the ball from the eager toe of Arsenal inside-left Lishman (centre) in the FA Cup third round match at Arsenal Stadium. Open-mouthed on the right is Arsenal outside-left Roper. Arsenal still won 5-1.—Express Photo.

Tony Lock Holds The Key To The Test Series With The West Indies

Says HAROLD MAYES

Test match fever again with the world championship at stake. Yes, make no mistake about it, although England won the Ashes last August, the series beginning in the West Indies is very much a title fight.

Didn't the "Calypso Caperers" whip the pants of England in 1950? Sure they did, and in spite of taking a drubbing in Australia, they'll be all out to win back the crown now that it's passed to the home country.

What lies ahead? On the hard and fast wickets bumpers without a doubt, because they're very easy to bowl there, and with plenty of emphasis on pace in both teams, that looks a certainty.

GOOD START NEEDED

Will England's biggest galaxy of fast bowlers for some time win the series for them? Well, before everyone banks on Freddy Trueman and company, I want to remind you that the 1950 series was going to be won by speed, and yet, as I so accurately forecast at the time, it was spin, *a la Ramadhin and Valentine*, which licked England.

Ramadhin, on recent Indian form, will not, in my view, give undue trouble. In fact, I doubt whether the great little man who puzzled the world can come again. And Valentine hasn't begun too brightly.

Who, then, holds the key? In my view, Surrey's fair-haired Tomy Lock, whom I fancy to emerge from this rubber as a real world-class performer—if he doesn't spin his spinning finger off!

England's real hope lies in getting off to a cracking start.

With various factions operating in West Indian cricket, West Indies are essentially a good team only when they are winning, so it's pretty important to get their tails down.

One interesting feature—or is it, when Test matches are "war"?—is that the rival teams are staying in the same hotel.

TAKEN—AND WANTED

You've heard bleats about shamateurism so often, with controlling bodies of various sports turning the blind eye because they say nobody ever gives them real evidence, that you probably think it's all a waste of time.

But if the FA, as an example, would like some genuine information, I suggest they contact a certain referee who had charge of an amateur game recently.

He controlled a match between two well-known amateur clubs and was asked to call at the office with his linesmen to collect his expenses. In the same room, but at a different table, players were receiving their expenses.

The referee asked for, and was paid, 5s. 3d. One of the players asked for, and was paid, £4 5s. 3d. Anything strange about that? Nothing, except that the referee and the player whose "expenses" were £4 more than his LIVE NEXT DOOR TO EACH OTHER!

And so from amateur skulduggery to professional persuasion. Right now certain amateur associations affiliated to the Billiards Association and Control Council are taking steps to try to induce the controlling authority to agree to the introduction of what the professionals call the "new rule" in snooker, that stupid business where if a player doesn't like what his opponent leaves on the table after a foul he can ask him to play again.

Perhaps it's only coincidence that the requests often come from areas where certain professionals have been engaged in exhibition games. Perhaps.

HE'LL BE BACK

In spite of get-together moves between the professionals and the rulers this so-called "new rules" is the biggest bone of contention, and the biggest bar to unity.

I don't think there's any doubt that it will stay that way, for under the aegis of Phil Fisher, a stand-no-nonsense chairman, I don't see the rulers giving way to a few professionals when the game is good enough for millions of amateurs the world over.

In any case, the day is not far distant when the reigning world champion, Horace Lindrum, visits England again. He won his title under the rules everyone else is prepared to observe, and I have no doubt that he'll be prepared to defend it on the same conditions.

It his "brother" professionals don't like it, it'll be just too bad!

JOHN DAVIES RETIRES

Vancouver, Jan. 19.

John Davies, Australian holder of the world's 200-yard breast stroke swimming record, was "through with swimming forever," he said yesterday.

Davies, who arrived here on Sunday with his wife, is on his way to study law at the University of Michigan.

Classing himself as an "old man" at 25, Davies said: "I can't afford to come all the way back to Canada for the British Empire Games this summer."

"Anyway, swimming is a young man's game and I have to earn a living."—Reuter.

COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Cmdr. J.L. Rigge And R. M. Macpherson To Meet In The Final

By "ARGONAUT"

Cmdr. J. L. Rigge, holder of the title, and R. M. Macpherson got through their semi-finals yesterday at the Victoria Squash Court to qualify for the final of the Colony Squash Open Championship.

Sparkling squash was seen in both the semi-final matches and particularly in the game between Rigge and HKCC's G. H. P. Pritchard. Rigge was fully extended by his younger opponent before managing to canter home in four sets, 9-3, 5-9, 9-7 and 10-8.

A longer reach, excellent court-coverage and superior courtcraft stood Rigge in good stead despite Pritchard's gallant efforts to make it an all-HKCC final.

Cleverly drawing his opponent to the forecourt and catching him repeatedly with hard drives to the backhand back corner, Rigge took the first set comfortably by 9-3.

Pritchard, however, came back strongly in the second set, and with consistent retrieving drew level at 3-3 after being down by 0-3.

Some long rallies were seen at this stage as the score stood even at 4-4 and 5-5. A spell of brilliant soft shots to the front corners by Pritchard enabled him to take four points in a row to win the second set by 9-5.

Pritchard took a 2-1 lead in the third set but Rigge pressed home his advantage in court-coverage by keeping Pritchard on the run from the forehand corner to the backhand back corner and gradually took the the lead at 4-3, and 7-4.

A spirited Pritchard refused to give way and caught up to 7-7 before Rigge managed to complete the set with a delicate shot to the front corner and a backhand error by Pritchard.

FEELING THE STRAIN

Rigge was again in the lead at 2-1, 4-3 and 6-3 in the fourth set. Both were visibly exhausted at this stage, with Rigge feeling the strain more than his younger opponent.

Pritchard forced his opponent into simple errors and not only drew level at 6-6 but took the lead at 7-6. After regaining the service, Rigge score with two beautiful side-wall shots, to overtake Pritchard at 8-7.

However, he fell into two successive errors to enable Pritchard to force the set to deuce. Amidst tense excitement, Pritchard lost his service and Rigge forged ahead to 9-8 with a soft corner shot. A long rally featured the fight for the final point, which came when Pritchard half-volleyed the ball out after being drawn out of position.

Some very hard hitting was seen in the other semi-final between R. M. Macpherson and D. G. Coffey. Coffey's erratic returns enabled Macpherson, who was getting excellent length to his drives to the back-wall, to win the first two sets comfortably by 9-0 and 9-1. Coffey played a more careful game in the third set to win by 9-7, but was unable to stop Macpherson from clinching the fourth set by 9-2.

FINAL TOMORROW

The final between Rigge and Macpherson will be played off tomorrow, starting at 5.30 p.m., and will be followed by the distribution of prizes.

It should be an excellent game featuring exuberant youth and stamina on one side and experience on the other.

Though Rigge is generally regarded as the favourite, Macpherson stands a very good chance of upsetting the Champion if only he can keep the ball in play long enough for every point.

Rigge will undoubtedly take a great deal of chances in attempting to cut down the rallies as short as possible as he did against Pritchard, as long rallies on the majority of occasions ended with his falling into simple errors.

SCOTTISH SPORTS SUMMARY

He Has Cause To Bless His Regimental Sergeant-Major

By "MAC"

Few men have cause to bless—literally—their Regimental Sergeant-Majors. Bill Paterson is an exception. For, thanks to the man who bellowed at him on the square, Bill now stands on the threshold of a great international soccer career.

Twenty-two years old, he is Doncaster Rovers centre-half. He was the tower of strength in the defence which held Sunderland's glistening attack in their Third Round Cup tie. And on that display he is certain to gain his first international cap against England at Hampden Park in April.

Yet Bill, who comes from the Scottish Highlands, thought he was destined to spend his soccer career playing for Inverness Thistle in the obscurity of the Highland League. Then, called up for National Service, he was posted to Doncaster. His Regimental Sergeant-Major was so impressed by his displays that he tipped off his pal, Peter Doherty, the Doncaster manager.

One trial was enough to convince Peter he had a star in the making. It was Peter's lucky day all right, for Inverness had omitted to retain Paterson, so all he cost Doncaster was the £10 signing on fee.

In appreciation of their good fortune, however, Doncaster later sent the club a donation.

There is a possibility that when April comes around, Paterson will no longer be a Doncaster player. He is the most sought-after defender in Britain, and financial necessity may force Doncaster to sell.

If they do, they will get £30,000 for the lad who, three years ago, cost them £10.

HERMAN IN TRAINING

Vic Herman, former Scottish Flyweight Champion, who has not fought since last August when he lost to Yoshio Shirai, Japanese holder of the world title, is back in training—and his aim is another crack at the British crown.

Since his tour in the Far East, Vic has gone into the tailoring business in London. Building it up has kept him fully occupied. Now he thinks he has time for business and boxing. Only 24, he thinks there is also time to win titles.

His first comeback fight will be at London's Albert Hall on January 26. It will probably be against Teddy Peckham, but they have still to agree on the weight. Peckham wants the fight to be at 8st. 12lb. Herman at 8st. 10lb.

Even at the lighter weight the Scots boy will concede a stone to one of hardest hitting featherweights in the country.

PREPARATIONS

Scotland's preparations for the World Cup—if they qualify—will begin with an international against Norway at Hampden in the first week in May.

The game will be the first "leg" of a home-and-away fixture with the Norwegians. The second meeting between the countries has been arranged for Oslo the following week.

The 18 Scottish players chosen for World Cup training will leave for Norway immediately after the Hampden game. From Oslo they will go on to Helsinki for the third and final game of the international tour—against Finland.

Then, home to Scotland and Ayr, where the party will train and live together until a final selection of 13 players is made for the World Cup trip to Switzerland in mid-June.

COMING CHAMPION?

John Veitch, Glasgow's 6ft. 5in. heavyweight who went to London last August as a protege of promoter Jack Solomons, is shaping so well that he may have his first professional fight next month.

John, who weighed 14 stone a year ago, has put on a further 21 lbs. since coming to London. And it's all muscle too. He has improved in speed and punching power.

Only 19, he is working as an apprentice engineer, but in his spare time is being groomed for the ring by manager Sam Burns and trainer Snowy Buckingham. Both are convinced he is a champion of the near future.—China Mail Special.

SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Golden God Can Be A Star —But Misses Classics

By JAMES PARK

There was a time when I thought Golden God would go to the top. A mishap in the spring kept him in the background until the last week of the season, when he made no show in the Manchester mud. During that period he was in three stables and has now been sold. So in one year the colt has had four trainers.

New owner is Mr Rex A. L. Cohen and the responsibility of coaxing Golden God back to form rests with Reg. Day at Newmarket. Bred by Miss R. M. Parsons, whose colours he carried on the two occasions the colt won, he was first trained by Geoffrey Brooke.

That trainer had a lot of two-year-old winners but I should be surprised to learn there was anything superior to Golden God in the stable up to the time he met with a mishap.

The colt's reputation was well known before he went to Sandown in April. As usual the bookmakers were aware of his prowess and he was made an odds-on chance. The only one who ever looked like making a race of it was Infatuation but he was a length and a half behind at the winning post.

NO DOUBT

That was Infatuation's second race, but I should say Golden God was the fitter at that stage. He also went about his business like an old hand and from the half-way mark there was never any doubt about the result. Infatuation went on to take second place to The Pie King in the Free Handicap.

When I saw Golden God win at the Second Spring meeting at Newmarket I was even more impressed. In fact, if I had had my choice of Golden God and Infatuation at that time I think I would have picked Golden God—and regretted it.

Fluorescent had been narrowly beaten in Craven week, but a fortnight later, when in receipt of 13lb. she could not get Golden God off the bit. He just strolled away up the hill to win at his leisure and I was sure I had seen an Ascot winner. He went wrong shortly afterwards and I was at Lingfield when he ran his only later race at Manchester.

What the future has in store for Golden God I cannot say. A colt of magnificent physique, I thought he might be just such another as his sire, Migoli, who kept improving all the time.

If there is no further setback and he regains his best form, Golden God may go a long way. Unfortunately he has no classic engagements.

Humphrey Cottrill took over Major L. B. Holliday's horses from Geoffrey Brooke. With 16 winners of 28 races, Cottrill had every reason to be satisfied with the season's labours.

Perhaps the best of the rising three-year-olds is Narrator, an old-fashioned son of Nearco and Phase. Narrator is an own brother to the 1951 Oaks winner, Neasham Belle, and they come from a family from which the owner has bred many winners.

EVERY CHANCE

Narrator was given every chance to develop and was seen out on only two occasions. Despite the fact that he had not been formally tried, all Newmarket seemed to think he was something to bet on first time out in July. He had every chance but could finish only third.

He was then put aside for the Gimcrack but never had a chance. After being outpaced, he stayed on fairly well to finish fourth.

The form as it stands leaves Narrator with much ground to make up. In his first season he did not strike me as a sprinter and it may be he will come into his own as a three-year-old.

He is a well-made colt with a placid temperament and I am inclined to rate him a bit more highly than the form book would suggest. He will get the scope he requires when racing over longer distances in his second season.

—(London Express Service).

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

TOMMY ATKINS'

Army Sports Parade

Top of the Tommy Atkins Sports parade this week is the A.A. Workshops Rugby team for their good showing against the Club at the week-end. From their very limited resources this unit managed to field a strong side and got a well merited 3-all draw with their more experienced opponents.

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Army 'B' cricketers were in scintillating form at the week-end and made the sparks fly during their first lease of the wicket. The first three batsmen, Capt. Petty and 2 Lts. Cochrane and Thorne, scored 72, 54, and 87 respectively to give the side a magnificent start against HTC.

The score of 202 for 4 wickets was too much for the opposition who could manage only 85 in face of some excellent bowling by Pte. Clark, who took 6 wickets for 33 runs. This indeed is Championship form and the team is displaying the consistency that brings ultimate success.

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This afternoon the Army soccer players will be engaged in their biggest game so far this season when they tackle KMB in the Senior Shield.

The team has been out of action for some weeks but many of the players have been busy taking part in the different representative games that have been played.

It is interesting to note that only Stevens, considered by many to be one of the best half-backs in the Colony, and Wrightlet have not been in the recent spate of honours that have come to the team.

I am told that this afternoon the team will be playing in an entirely new strip of white with red facings and are obviously intending to maintain their reputation as the Colony's best dressed side.

BOXING FINALS

The Land Forces Open Boxing Championships have now reached the final stages which will be held at Gun Club Barracks tomorrow afternoon at 14.30 hours.

The fighting in the early rounds of the competition has been of a very high standard and there is every indication that the finals this year will be something extra special.

The highlights so far have been a brilliant flyweight bout between Kgn. Casey, King's, and Pte. Harman of the Dorsets; a wonderful display of fighting courage by Lieut. Gunton of the Royal Norfolks, who after two strenuous early fights put up a traditionally game scrap with Kgn. Tobin of the King's in the semi-final of the Lt. Middleweight division.

Although out on his feet, the gallant lieutenant would not give in and the referee was compelled to stop the fight in the second round to save him from further punishment at the hands of a powerful and clever opponent.

One of the surprises was the defeat of Pte. Dudman who has been doing a lot of fighting in civilian competitions. He was defeated by Kgn. Kearns of the Kings in the semi-final of the Bantamweight division.

Full particulars of the Finals are as follows:—

Flyweight: Kgn. Casey (King's) vs. Gnr. Hale (25 Fd. Regt. RA).

Bantam: Kgn. Kearns (King's) vs. Pte. Weaver (R. Warwicks).

Feather: Kgn. Jones (King's) vs. Kgn. Kelly (King's).

Light: Pte. Dickson (Norfolks) vs. Kgn. McElhinney (King's).

Lt. Welter: Bdr. Baker (25 Fd. R.A.) vs. Pte. Curran (Royal Scots).

Welter: L/C. Fletcher (Dorsets) vs. L/B. Marchant (14 Fd. RA).

Lt. Middle: Kgn. Tobin (King's) vs. Bdr. Laws. (173 Loc. Bty. RA).

Middle: Pte. Bowen (N. Staffs) vs. Sgt. Weir (King's).

Lt. Heavy: Pte. Stanley (Dorsets) vs. L/C Prizeman (RAOC/0 COD).

Heavy: L/C Brown. (24 Fd. Engrs) vs. Kgn. Edge. (King's).

This looks a really exciting programme and it is certainly one that all military boxing enthusiasts should make a point of seeing.

NO SINGAPORE TRIP

It is with some regret that I have to announce that the Hongkong Hockey team will not now be competing in the FARELF Championships at Singapore.

Shipping difficulties have made it impossible for the team to get to Singapore for the original dates and as the alternative dates clash with the dates for the semi-finals and finals of the local competitions it has been reluctantly decided not to compete.

It is understood that a suggestion was that the competition might be held here but it appears that the Singapore authorities were unable to agree to it.

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The Army Referees' Annual Dinner, held at the NAAFI Club in Chatham Road last Friday, was a great success and there is going to be plenty of support to continue the function in years to come.

One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the high standard of the after-dinner speeches, when wit and topical information were judiciously blended....and not one of the speakers stayed on his feet too long.

CSMI Cocks of the APTC rounded off the evening with a brilliant burlesque on the noble art of goalkeeping....and I suggest that if anyone is looking for a topline entertainer to brighten a show or function they could do much worse than contact the versatile Sergeant-Major.

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The New Territories Army Cycling Association has got going again after the seasonal rest and the close finish of the 65 Miles race in which three riders were separated by only a few feet—shows that the rest has not impaired the skill of the Army riders.

Star men Fey and Todd-White had to be current with second and third place respectively behind newcomer Hurford who was jumped up to the limelight by reason of his brilliant and consistent riding in this event.

Todd-White, although missing the main award, claimed the special prize awarded to the rider who completed the fastest lap. A spectator at the event tells me that Todd-White appeared to have benefitted from the break in competition and was in much better form than in previous events.

Today the Association is staging a 25 Miles Time Championship.

DOUBLE HONOURS

Double honours have come to Major A.C.A. Walker in the course of the last few days. He has been selected by the Hongkong Football Association to take charge of the forthcoming game between All Hongkong and the visiting Koege Boldclub of Copenhagen on February 3. The second honour comes from the hockey authorities who have selected him to umpire the Interport Match between All Hongkong and Macao on Thursday, February 4.

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Further progress has been made with the Major and Minor Units Football Knockout Competitions.

Here are the latest results:—

Major Units Competition:

72 L.A.A. Regt. RA 3, 7 RTR 2; 14 Fd. Regt. RA 2, 1 Dorsets 4.

Minor Units Competition:—

HQ 27 Bde 1, 173 Loc. Bty. RA 2.

HQ 35 Bde 4, 27 Lt. Bty. RA 2.

RMP. HK 6, HKCTU 5.

26 FDS 4, Q (Movements) 1, Mov. Lt. Troop 2, CPO 3.

170 Lt. Bty. RA 2, A.A. Workshops 0.

H.Q.L.F. 2, 23 Lt. A.A. Bty. RA 4.

79 Coy. RASC 0, 33 Gen Hospital 6.

6 COD 1, R.E. Corps Troops 0.

H.K. Sigs. Regt—A bye.

The game between 15 Fd. Park Sqn. R.E. and 6 HAA Bty. R.A. is still outstanding.

The draw for the next round of the competitions will be made later today.

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The HKAAA meeting at Boundary Street on Sunday, January 31, will commence at 1.45 p.m. and will be staged on a Hongkong vs. Kowloon basis. Several Army athletes are in the running for selection and the locations of their units will be the deciding factor as to which side they will represent if chosen.

Teams are being selected on Thursday, January 21, and I hope to be able to give full particulars of the Army competitors in this column next week.

CHARTER TROPHY

The Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championships for the Charter Trophy will take place as follows:—semi-finals, February 18, and finals, February 23. Teams will be made up of eleven men of any rank at the following weights:—1 heavyweight, 1 light-heavyweight, 1 middle, 1 lightmiddle, 2 welters, 2 light welters, 1 light, 1 feather, and 1 bantam. It will be noted that there is no flyweight in this competition.

Entries must reach the SOPT at HQLF by Wednesday, January 27. For the information of would be competitors I am asked to say that the Rules of the competition will be as laid down in Sports and Games in the Army (1953-54), pages 255-257.

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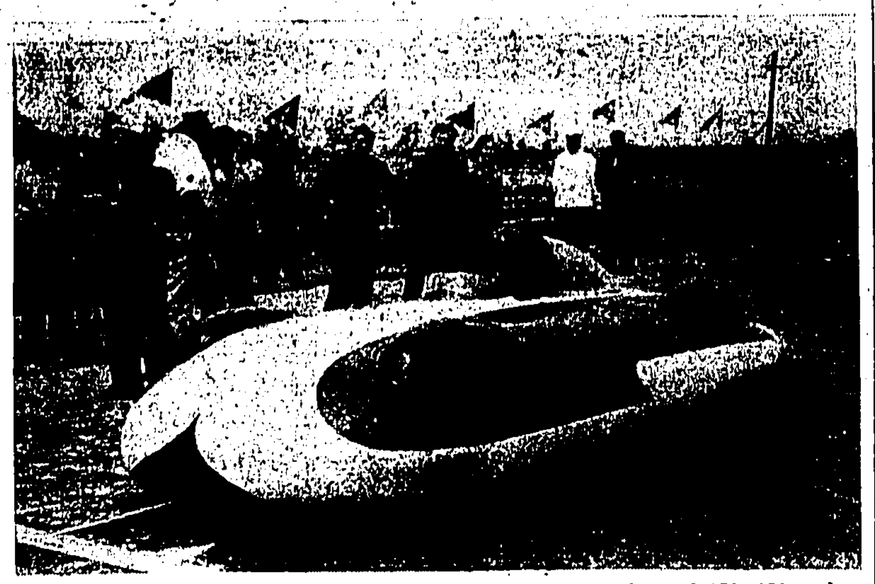
SNIPPETS: Army well represented in the big rugby encounter at the Club Stadium last Saturday . . . . Army soccer star Stevens scheduled to leave the Colony on February 9 on 'Asturias' . . . . several Army hockey players in running for Interport honours . . . defeat of the powerful 7 R. Tanks soccer team a big surprise, but 72 LAA were the better team on this occasion . . . . and still no hole-in-one by an Army golfer.

RUSSIAN RACING CAR



One of the Russian racing cars "Zvezda" (of the class of 250, 350 and 500 c.c.), holder of 21 Russian speed records. The driver is A. Ambrossenkov, Master of Sports, one of Russia's best racers. The car was built in 1952.—Express Photo.

Argentine Automobile Club Planning The World's Longest Motor Car Race

Buenos Aires, Jan. 19.

The world's longest and most strenuous motor car race, covering ten different countries, will take place in South America some time between March and May.

For years, the Argentine Automobile Club has been toying with the idea of staging a race which, sometime in the future, will link Alaska with the Southern tip of the American continent—Cape Horn.

But this requires completion of the Pan-American road—a trans-continental autobahn on which a number of countries are actively working but which will not be completed for some years yet.

In the meantime, and as a first experiment in endurance, the Club, which was founded in 1904, has established its own "Jubilee Grand Prix" which will be run in 29 laps over a distance of 22,765 kilometres (about 14,165 miles).

The decision to hold the race was officially announced at the 13th Assembly of the Inter-American Federation of Automobile Clubs recently held in Rio de Janeiro.

UNIQUE EVENT

In order not to interfere with the race, which will undoubtedly constitute a unique event, the Club cancelled the 32nd Argentine Grand Prix which would normally have taken place in December 1953.

Active preparations for the new race are already going on in the various countries affected, and their clubs have offered to support their Argentine counterpart.

The exact date for the start has not yet been announced. Only the time of the year was roughly fixed to coincide with a season which will make it bearable for the competitors to cross the Andes in the frozen highlands of southern Argentina, and a few days later to drive across the torrid tropics.

The "Jubilee Grand Prix" will be as near a tour of South America as the physical conditions of this part of the world permit.

It will, in fact, cover practically the whole of the Pacific coastline, skirt the Isthmus of Panama, and the Caribbean sea, then cut the subcontinent from west to east, to Rio de Janeiro, and drive back to Buenos Aires.

The physical conditions of Northern and Central Brazil, which include the Amazon basin and a coastline lacking in communications, make it impossible to complete the circular tour by returning down the Atlantic coast.

1,077 MILES LAP

The first lap of the race will be the 1,723-kilometre (about 1,077 miles) lap from Buenos Aires to San Carlos de Bariloche, close to the Chilean frontier and already well up in the Andes.

Although the first part of the route will be across the Argentine pampa, the road fades soon into a stony barren track which often sinks into rivulets and turns even a tourist drive into a major adventure.

From San Carlos de Bariloche the route will cross into Chile and for 15 laps and 10,095 kilometres (some 6,684 miles) skirt the Andes mountains as far as Caracas, capital of Venezuela. Caracas will be reached after having travelled the length of Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia.

The Equator will be crossed well up in the mountains on the 11th lap.

From Caracas, the drivers will go in caravan to Lima, in Peru, whence they will resume the race back to northern Argentina through Bolivia, across the tropical, damp, steamy, malaria-ridden Chaco.

This second part of the contest will bring the competitors to Resistencia, capital of the Argentine Province of Eva Peron, after a 4,183 kilometre (about 2,533 miles) drive in six laps.

Here again the race will be suspended to allow the competitors to visit Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, in caravan, and return to Corrientes, capital of the Argentine province of the same name.

After that, three more laps and another 2,397 kilometres (about 1,498 miles) will take them to Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, where the competition will be suspended for the third time for the formation of a caravan to the fast-growing industrial centre of Sao Paulo.

From there, competitors will take off on the last stage of the race, through Uruguay to Argentina.

REMOTE STRETCHES

The race will require a great deal of organisation. Rivers will have to be crossed by bange. Mishaps are bound to occur on mountain roads, and supplies are scarce along remote stretches far from cities and service stations.

But to the Automobile Club of Argentina the effort is worth while for, at a time when the country is engaged in a policy of continental co-operation, the line of cars taking part will constitute a more effective mission than any display of conventional diplomacy and ceremony.—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG BISLEY

In the third day of the Bisley Meet at Kai Tak Range yesterday, weather condition was perfect and there was keen competition among the individuals and team competitors.

In the main event of the Meet, HMS Tamar "B" won the "S. W. Lee" cup with a score of 34 points. HMS Newcastle came in second with 26 followed by CRE Hongkong Squadron "B" with 25.

F/Sgt Vivian with 49 points was leading yesterday in the first part of the "Sporting Arms" cup event. AB Heatherington and Cpl Kyte tied for the second place with 47 each and LEM Brom was third with 46.

Due to the plates being obscured because of insufficient light, part of the "Falconer" cup event has been postponed to 12.30 to-day.

The first six in the Individual Championship yesterday were CGI Alsop, 258; RSM Herbert, 246; S/Sgt. Hickey, 240; Cpl. Kyte (under 23), 239; Pte Rosario, 229 and Cpl Howson, 227.

Gremlins' Team

The following have been selected to represent the Gremlins in a league Hockey match against the K.G.V. "B" on Saturday, at Boundary St Police Ground, bully off at 3.45 p.m.:

M. Muir, S. Silva, I. Smirnoff, M. Richards, R. Kerr, M. Blenkinsop, N. James, M. Revie, H. Fowler, D. Barten (Capt.), A. Perry.

Players are requested to be at the ground fifteen minutes before the bully off.

KCC TEAM

The KCC 1st XI against Army in the League match on Saturday at Sookunpoo will be:

P.V. Dodge, B.C.N. Carnell, D. Coffey, S.V. Gittins, P. Hall, A.T. Lee, R.E. Lee, K. Lo, R.C. Jenner, P. Wood, A. Zimmern.

Will players please meet at Star Ferry Pier, Hongkong side, at 1 p.m.

OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS CONCEDE BRITAIN SUPREMACY AT CRICKET

By GEORGE WHITING

How many British sportsmen, or sportswomen, would you consider to be worthy of world ranking, supreme in their sphere? Sir Gordon Richards, Gordon Pirie, Jim Peters, Joe Davis?

Our American friends, figure fanatics to a man, have been compiling a list of "team and individual world titlists."

They sent me a copy, and, in a flush of patriotic exploration, I set about the job of pinpointing our sportive Britons among the thousand or so stars in this firmament of athletic achievement. Unfortunately, it did not take long.

Alas, our tight little islands are saluted all too infrequently in a world-welter of Americans, Russians, Americans, Scandinavians, Americans, Australians, Americans, Italians, Americans, Hungarians, Americans, and the odd Argentino. Alphabetically, our archery is effete, our football unmentionable, and our weight-lifting ill-considered.

MASTER OF CRICKET

Only in cricket, apparently, are we the logical and undisputed cocks of the walk—though how the USA got to hear about it is a little mystifying. However, let us not bite the hand that pats us on the back, if you see what I mean.

Cricket is our first mention. Boxing is all tied up from flyweight Yoshio Shirai in Tokyo to heavyweight Rocky Marciano in Brockton Mass. The best billiards players in the world are Messrs Roy Kilgore from San Francisco and Willie Mosconi from Philadelphia. Ouf! Mr Davis, presumably, is a dead-beat.

Cycling is the perquisite of Italy. Hungarians have a tight grip on epee and sabre (among other things). Our solitary celebrity among more than 50 greats of golf is that stout-hearted Irishman, Joe Carr—singled out, one supposes, for rescuing the British Amateur Championship for the British.

ICE EXPERTS

But wait. What have we here? Six experts exalted as the finest figure-skaters on ice—and four of them British! Champagne, if you please, for the Nicks of Brighton, brother John and sister Jennifer—descendants of cricket's original Wisden and ice-pair champions of all the world.

Also for redhead Jean Westwood, the doctor's daughter, and partner Lawrence Demmy, the ex-boxer's son, who between them mopped up all the ice-dance teams in Davos last year.

However, let us not get big-headed. After ice-skating we have to skid alphabetically through lacrosse, lawn bowling, motor boating, and polo before, in a blaze of black type, we are reminded that Britons, as winners of the international cup, are not doing too badly at rackets.

Geoffrey Atkins, our amateur singles champion, is credited by the Americans with the coveted Tuxedo Gold. And those Marlborough schoolmasters, cricketer John Thompson and veteran allrounder David Milford, are lauded as the winners of the national doubles titles in both the USA and Canada.

MENTION FOR FOX

Tony Fox in the Diamond Sculls, Leander in the Grand, and the RAF in the Thames Challenge Cup are singled out for their rowing exploits at Henley.

Our ladies, bless 'em, make the grade at squash as a tribute to their mastery in the Wolfe-Noel Cup. At table tennis, thanks to the Bucharest efforts of Richard Bergmann, Johnny Leach and Aubrey Simons, we take an international bow as winners of the Swaythling Cup.

And that, I regret to report, is our lot. The most insular and most prejudiced among us, I suppose, will concede our eclipse at tennis (lawn)—but you may be rather hurt to learn that, according to their honours list on "track and field," the Americans have never heard of such spring-heeled British athletes as Jim Peters, Roger Bannister, or, despite the recent offer from Oklahoma, Gordon Pirie.

Moreover, we are completely ignored, for all our striving, at volleyball, water-polo, weight-lifting, wrestling and yachting.

With diabolical low cunning, the Americans make no mention of darts, knur and spell, or shove-halfpenny. At these really robust sports (and in their own picturesque idiom) we'd moider 'em!

—(London Express Service)

Swedish Net Stars To Play Here

Definite news of the visit to the Colony of the Swedish Davis Cup players, Lennart Bergelin and Stefan Stockenberg, was received by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association in a letter addressed to the President of the HKLTA, Col. H. Owen Hughes.

The Swedish players have agreed to play exhibition matches against the local champions after their participation in the Asian Championships at Manila in early February.

Arrangements will be made to stage the matches at Chater Road. Increased accommodation to hold at least a thousand spectators will be provided.

In case of rain, the matches will be played in the evening on the covered court at the Macpherson Playground in Kowloon.

Ip Koon-hung, Edwin Tsai, K. C. Dao and V. T. Wang will probably represent Hongkong against the visitors.

Gordon Pirie Takes Up Squash

Gordon Pirie, Britain's record-breaking middle distance runner, has taken up squash, but only to supplement, not supplant, his athletics. He plays it as a training variation at weekends.

He keeps in the athletics atmosphere, however. Like Pirie, his opponent is also a dual world running champion. She is Shirley Hampton, member of the England Half Mile, and 800 Metres Relay record-holding teams.

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Sam Snead, the American Ryder Cup golfer, plans to play in this year's British Open tournament. Snead won the event at St Andrews in 1946.

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Wimbledon's Centre Court is to be enlarged. Seating for a further 2,000 spectators will increase its capacity to 16,500. But the additional accommodation is unlikely to be ready before the 1955 Championships.

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Terry Allen, British Flyweight Champion, is to defend his title against Eric Marsden at Harringay on February 16. Thus Marsden has the chance to avenge the defeat he suffered when he fought Allen in 1952 for the vacant title.

He was forced to retire in the fifth round through a groin injury. With Ronnie Clayton defending his featherweight crown against Sammy McCarthy, the Harringay bill will offer two topline title fights.

Ladies' Hockey Trials

The Ladies' Interport Hockey Committee has arranged two practice matches, which possibly will be the last two trials before the Interport Proper against Macao, on January 24 and 31.

Both matches will be played at the Pool Ground at King's Park and will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The following are the two teams selected to play in the trials.

Hongkong (all white): Lim, Lambooy, Read, Ramsay, Alonco, Ferreira, Hall, Hewson, Hale, Adams, Correa.

Rest of Colony (coloured tops): Reece, Noronha, Roza-Pereira, Wilson, Richards, Handyside, Calverley, Bones, Y. Oei, Oei, Gam Bee-lay.

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Malayan 'Thing' En Route To London Zoo

Calcutta, Jan. 19.

An unidentified animal donated by the Malayan Government to the London Zoo passed through Calcutta aboard a special freighter aircraft today.

The animal specialist, Donald MacDonald, who was accompanying the wild boar-like creature, said it was three feet long and three and a half feet high with a tough deeply wrinkled skin covered by half-inch spikes and an immovable stubby tail.

The animal slept all the way from Singapore in its specially constructed cage. Since it was captured, it has not eaten food, and only drank water.—France-Presse.

5-Year Contract For Jean Simmons

Hollywood, Jan. 19.

Twentieth Century Fox Studio announced today it has signed British film actress Jean Simmons on a five-year contract starting in 1955.

The contract provides that she should make at least one film a year for the company.

The Studio announcement also said it has purchased a two-film option on Miss Simmons' services from Mr Howard Welsch, an independent film producer who last November bought from R.K.O. the remaining portions of its contract with the British star.

The Studio plans to star Miss Simmons this year in "The Egyptian." She is also being considered for the leading role in a film based on "Desiree," Miss Anna Marie Selinkos' best-selling historical novel.—China Mail Special.

Sartorial Reform In India; Pyjamas To Stay

Indian Prime Minister Mr Nehru has addressed a circular to Government employees of all grades recommending sartorial changes designed to secure "uniformity in office dress."

In his circular the Prime Minister suggests the adoption of "buttoned-up short coats and trousers, but without tie and collar" for office dress, which experience has shown is suited to modern activities and yet is not just a copy of European dress but is to some extent distinctive. While this dress is described as "useful, relatively simple, and smart," Mr Nehru attaches special importance to the fact that uniformity among all grades would "lessen all caste systems in our services, remove social disparities, and serve to stimulate a sense of discipline."

For official functions Mr Nehru suggests black buttoned coats and white trousers, though both may be white in summer. European evening dress, "which is slightly a sign of snobbery among the well-to-do classes in India, should be discarded. For formal occasions and diplomatic functions black sherwani and white chuddidar pyjamas have already been prescribed. It is now proposed to add a bit of braid to the cuff and collar for special formal occasions, and also a turban."

Emphasising that the changes suggested should be brought into force gradually, Mr Nehru urges that the materials used should be of local manufacture, preferably handspun and handwoven cotton, silk, or woollen. As far as the fair sex is concerned, Mr Nehru feels that the sari has long held its ground, not only because it is graceful but since it fulfils the functions required, and it will therefore continue to be worn in the office and elsewhere. However, he admits that sports and athletics require special dress.

Mr Nehru's suggestions are by no means a startling innovation. In the former Indian states, the ruling princes and their staffs of business men, swells, and politicians all along adopted this as normal dress, and the collar and tie was worn only occasionally, for special gatherings.—Manchester Guardian.

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RUSSIAN AND BERIA

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arrested two months later on charges of insulting Radek as a Leftist deviationist."

The two men then turned to a third prisoner, a fresh arrival.

"And what are you here for?"

"I am Karl Radek," he replied.

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Some such stories are no doubt being told in today's Russia with Beria's name substituting for Radek's. Tomorrow, your average Russian would be delighted to tell a similar tale about Malenkov—if that comrade finds himself a purgee in the hands of Bulganin or Zhukov.

A cartoon that appeared in a Paris magazine at the height of the Soviet purges of the '30s can be recalled today with emphasis. It showed a man in a desert chasing himself with an ax. The caption read:

"The Last Communist."

Mr Parry is professor of Russian civilisation and language at Colgate University.

Homage To A Dead Soviet Leader

Moscow, Jan. 19.

The Soviet Premier, M. Georgi Malenkov, the Foreign Minister, M. Viacheslav Molotov, and other top leaders today formed a guard of honour at the bier of Matvei Shkiriatov, the late chairman of the Soviet Communist Party Control Commission.

This was the highest tribute to be paid to a Soviet political leader.

Among the leading figures keeping a watch at the bier were Nikita Khrushchev, Kliment Voroshilov, Nikolai Bulganin, Lazare Kaganovich, Anastase Mikoyan, Maxime Saburov, Mikhail Pervukhin and many others.—France-Presse.

De Gasperi Makes Sure He Won't Comment

To make sure that he does not say anything that should not be said, Signor De Gasperi holds a scarf over his mouth when asked for a statement by reporters when he arrived for consultations with Pres. Einaudi in Rome on the formation of a new government.—Express Photo.

Hindu Pilgrims come to wash away their sins

ELEPHANTS AND TRAINS BRING 10 MILLION TO BATHE IN THE GANGES

Allahabad, Jan. 19.

Nearly 10,000,000 pilgrims, including "Sadhus," and "Sanyasis," (monks), from all over India are expected here before March to bathe in the waters of the Ganges, the Hindu sacred river.

For, from January 14 until March 3, the Kumbh Mela, the great Hindu religious bathing Festival, which takes place only every 12 years, is being held at the confluence of the rivers Ganges, Jamuna and the invisible Saraswati, near here.

Among distinguished pilgrims will be Dr Rajendra Prasad, India's President, and Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister, some State Governors, and a number of Central and State Ministers. Some foreign Ambassadors are also expected to visit the Festival.

The pilgrims will come from every walk of life—Ministers and peasants, scholars and artisans, millionaires and humble merchants will all be represented. And all will come with a common purpose—to dip in the sacred waters and so wash away their sins.

Highlight of the Festival will be the colourful processions of thousands of monks, with horses, elephants and camels, belonging to the various Akkara (religious orders) of the Hindu religion. The heads of the orders will arrive on richly decorated elephants.

Each religious order has a separate camp, according to an established order of precedence, and the bathing places are reserved for them for some time during their stay.

There are six principal bathing days during the Mela, when millions of pilgrims will come from far and near to bathe in the waters.

To accommodate the great influx of visitors, a pilgrim city is springing up on either bank of the Ganges. Civil and military personnel are today busy putting the finishing touches to this Kumbh city, built to accommodate several million pilgrims at a time in huts and tents.

A water supply has been laid on and telegraph, telephone and electric services installed.

200 Buses

This temporary city, covering some 800 acres, is divided into seven self-contained sectors. Each sector is equipped with a hospital, and there are also social and religious centres.

Six pontoon bridges have been built across the river and arrangements have been made to run about 30 special trains to and from the Kumbh city on peak days. In addition, 200 buses will bring pilgrims daily from neighbouring districts.

A staff of some 10,000 persons has been engaged to attend to health and sanitary arrangements. In the interests of public health, all intending pilgrims must be inoculated and outposts have been set up at all incoming points to see that this is done.

During the Mela, there will be a number of social and cultural meetings and exhibitions. A record gathering is expected for the International Socio-Spiritual Parliament, which is being organised by the International fraternity of monks and in which delegates from 37 countries are expected to take part.

This Parliament will meet from February 4 to 11. The Indian President, Dr Prasad, will open it and Mr K. M. Munshi, the Governor of the state of Uttar Pradesh, will preside.

Its object is to devise means of achieving peace and harmony through spiritual teaching.

The Kumbh Mela is a very ancient Festival, whose historical significance has long since been lost in a haze of myth and legend.

Many Sacrifices

Allahabad, or Prayag as it was called in ancient times, figures prominently in ancient Hindu writings because it was here that the god Brahma of the Hindu Trinity performed many sacrifices. The confluence of the Ganges and the Jamuna rivers is also mentioned in the Hindu scripture Rigveda, and the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

The mythological explanation of the Kumbh Mela, which symbolises the spirit of eternal India, originates in the legendary dispute between the gods and the demons over the possession of the divine nectar which had emerged out of the churning of the "Khirod Sagar", the ocean of milk.

Jayanta, son of one of the gods, was stated to have run away with the pitcher (Kumbh) containing the nectar, pursued by demons. During his flight, Jayanta rested at a dozen places, including four on earth, which became sacred.

These were: Hardwar, on the banks of the Ganges; Prayag (or Allahabad), on the banks of the Ganges; Jamuna and the invisible Saraswati; Ujjain, on the bank of the Spira; and Nasik (Bombay state) on the banks of the Godavari.

12-Year Cycle

At each of these places, the Kumbh Mela is held in a 12-year cycle.

The quinquennial festival of King Harshavardan also had its influence on the Kumbh Mela. Every five years, King Siladitya, known as Harsha, is said to have distributed the accumulated wealth of his state.

First, he distributed it in his kingdom at Kanauj, and then, towards the end of the proceedings he invited the Chinese traveller, Hiouan Tsang, to accompany him to Prayag (Allahabad) where, according to Mr Vincent Smith, the British historian, "he distributed treasure to the poor and the needy, as well as to the religious of all denominations. Harsha explained that it had been his practice for thirty years in accordance with the custom of his ancestors to hold a great quinquennial assembly on the sand bank."

To this day, the tradition of Harsha has been maintained and wealth is distributed on a large scale at the Kumbh Mela. Not only money and costly jewels, but also elephants, horses and cows are given away in charity.

The last Kumbh Mela was held in 1942.—China Mail Special.

Shortage Of Teachers And Schools In France

Paris, Jan. 19.

When 150,000 French school teachers and university professors abandoned their class rooms and lecture rooms for a one-day strike on November 9, they were voicing a long-felt protest against the plight of their country's education system.

For France is short of both teachers and schools—and seems likely to remain so until her Exchequer can find funds to pay for them.

In Paris alone, 160 posts for science teachers are vacant, because most science graduates refuse academic jobs which offer salaries from one-third to one-quarter of what they can expect to earn in industry.

Present salary scales range from 27,000 francs (£27) a month for a provincial teacher to a maximum of 150,000 francs (£150) a month for the head of a university faculty, or about half their 1914 level in terms of purchasing power.

ACCENTUATED

Proposals to extend the school-leaving age from 14 to 18 will further accentuate the shortage of teachers, if they are approved by Parliament.

The teachers argue that they are entitled to the 10 per cent wage increase granted last October to state-employed lawyers who are on the same salary scale as themselves. But the Education Minister, M. Andre Marie, himself the son of a schoolteacher, has explained that the increase which, if confined to the lawyers would cost only 800 million francs (about £800,000) a year, would put up the Government's wage bill by almost 7,000 million francs (about £7 million) if extended to teachers.

In many parts of France the teacher's job is both ill-paid and arduous. He often has to handle between 60 and 70 pupils at a time and in the Bordeaux area classes of up to 120 are not uncommon.

A recent survey showed that most French schools were built before World War I and that some date back to the 17th and 18th centuries. Many are converted private houses, quite unsuited to their present use. A girls' boarding school at St. Pons, in Southern France, for example, is housed in a former prison.—China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

US Merchant Fleet Is Still World's Biggest

London, Jan. 20.

The United States merchant fleet—at 27,237,000 tons—remained the world's largest in the year ending July, 1953, according to statistics published today in the 1954 appendix of Lloyds Register.

The American fleet, which includes an estimated 13,000,000 tons in the reserve fleet, fell by 8,000 tons during the year.

Britain's Merchant fleet fell by 40,000 tons to 18,584,000 tons during the year. Canada's fleet also fell by 40,000 tons to 1,652,000 tons.

The total British Commonwealth Merchant fleet, however, increased by 29,000 tons to 22,350,000 tons.

The world total increased by 3,171,000 tons to 93,352,000 tons.

Largest increase were shown by Liberia (up by 536,000 tons), Japan (463,000 tons), Norway (357,000 tons), Germany (352,000 tons) and Sweden (244,000 tons).

TANKERS

Oil tankers accounted for 90 per cent of all ships between 15,000 and 20,000 tons under five years of age. They represented 78 per cent of all ships between 10,000 and 15,000 tons under ten years old.

The world total of oil tankers increased by 1,975,000 tons from 1952 to a total of 21,964,000 tons or 24 per cent of all steamships and motorships. The year before, the tanker fleet was 22 per cent of the total.

Britain's tanker fleet of 4,656,000 tons was 124,000 tons larger than the previous year, while the United States total of 4,461,000 tons showed a rise of 51,000 tons.

Largest tanker increases were marked up by Liberia (up by 421,000 tons), Panama (308,000 tons) and Norway (286,000 tons).

The war-time shipbuilding programme was still reflected in world tonnage by a preponderance of the size group 6,000 to 8,000 tons, the report stated. A large proportion of these ships were not in commission.—Reuter.

Common Action To Save Rubber Prices

New York, Jan. 19.

The Indonesian Information Office said today that South-East Asian rubber producers may take common action to eliminate the threat of declining rubber prices.

Referring to reports received from Indonesia, the Office said Malayan rubber owners have already consulted Indonesian producers on the problem and that basic agreement "has been reached on the need for conferences to take up common difficulties and plan common policy.

These conferences would be held alternatively in Jakarta and Singapore. The rubber producers will discuss a common front for future international conferences.—United Press.

International Bank Mission To Visit Malaya

Washington, Jan. 19.

A mission from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development is to make a general survey of economic conditions in the Federation of Malaya and the Crown Colony of Singapore, it is announced here.

The Bank said the surveys were to be made at the request of the Governments of the Federation, Singapore and Britain. The mission would leave Washington on January 16 and arrive in Malaya on January 23 for the three-month stay.

The mission would undertake a general review of economic potentialities and submit recommendations designed to help the Governments of Malaya and Singapore to formulate long-term development programmes.

The mission of 13 will be led by Sir Louis Chich, of Britain.—China Mail Special.

UK Trade Mission Going To Moscow

BOARD OF TRADE GIVES ITS BLESSING THIS TIME

After weeks of negotiation a group of thirty British business men has at last got Russian approval for trade talks in Moscow. It hopes to leave before the end of the month, according to latest reports from London.

Led by Mr J. B. Scott, sales director of Crompton Parkinson, the large electrical engineering company, the party has been informed by the Trade Representative of the USSR in the United Kingdom that approval has been granted for it to visit Moscow for discussions with the All-Union Chamber of Commerce.

The Board of Trade has given the group its blessing, and Mr Scott said in London yesterday that this was "a private-enterprise venture to develop Anglo-Soviet trade."

The group hopes to leave in seven days, subject to the issue of visas and the necessary travel arrangements. Now that the co-operation of the All-Union Chamber of Commerce in Moscow has been obtained, the issue of visas is expected to be automatic.

The group consists of representatives of Britain's major industries, including shipbuilding, motor-cars, electrical equipment, machine tools, diesel engines, cables, oil-well drilling, grain-handling equipment, woodworking machinery, packaging machinery, and food machinery. It also includes importers of Russian food and cotton.

The visit of this "private enterprise" group to Moscow is the outcome of the Foreign Secretary's attack on a similar group visit which had been arranged for the end of November by the British Council for the Promotion of International Trade.

COMMUNIST "FRONT"

Mr Eden branded the council as a Communist "Front" organisation, and said that while the Government was eager for increased trade with the Soviet Union, as with other East European countries, it did not advise business men to go under the sponsorship of the council.

As a result many of the business men withdrew from the proposed trip, and Mr J.B. Scott took over the leadership of the party.

How much trade the Russians can offer is not clear, but there is little doubt that the business men will come back with useful orders.

The Russians have already placed orders here running to several million pounds for trawlers, and other inquiries have been for cargo ships of ten thousand tons, passenger ships, ocean-going tugs, whale-catchers, and a whale factory. Many of these items, of course, are under the Board of Trade's strategic materials ban.

FURTHER CONTRACTS

Companies already working on Russian orders for diesel engines and electric cables are expecting to pick up further contracts.

In addition the Russians have recently turned their attention towards machinery and plant for food-processing.

Inquiries have filtered through for grain-milling equipment, complete equipment for a margarine and butter factory, a dairy-handling depot, food-wrapping and packing machinery, cafeteria and canteen equipment, sugar-refining plant, and boxmaking machinery.

Russian interest is also spreading to other consumer-goods machinery, such as razor-blade making equipment.—Manchester Guardian.

United Press reports that the delegation, which will comprise about 40 businessmen, hopes to make trade arrangements to send £25 million to £40 million worth of goods.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange anounted to $290,153,-70. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:-

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1015		17 @ 1015
East Asia	171		
INSURANCES			
Lombard	55		
Union	843		
SHIPPING			
Waterboat		20.20	
Asia Nav.	1.10		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	80	82	
Dock	20.40		500 @ 20½
Provident (O)	13.30	13.50	
S'hai Dock	1.10		
Wheelock	8.10	8.15	500 @ 8.10
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	8¾	8.90	
HK Land	75½	76	200 @ 76 100 @ 75½
S'hai Land		1.30	
Humphreys	16		
Realty	2.05	2.07½	2000 @ 2.07½
UTILITIES			
Tram	27½	27.60	
Star Ferry		145	
C. Light (O)	14.40	14½	3000 @ 14½
C. Light (N)	11.30	11½	1000 @ 11.40
Electric	29.80	29.90	30 @ 29.90 100 @ 30 201 @ 29.90 1300 @ 29.80
Telephone	28.30	28½	232 @ 28.20
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	19	19.20	600 @ 19
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	20	20.20	1000 @ 20 2100 @ 20.10
L. Crawford		20½	
COTTONS			
Textile Corp.	8.10	8.30	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	6.10	6.20	
Yaumati		142	

London Rubber Market

London, Jan. 19.

The rubber market was dull with No. 1 Rss spot quoted at 17 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	16⅞-17⅛
Settlement house term:	
February	16⅞-17⅛
March	17-17⅛
April/June	17⅛-17⅜
July/September	17¼-17⅜
October/December	17⅜-17½
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
January	16¾-16-15/16
February	16¾-16-15/16
March	16-13/16-17
Estate crepe	
thick	unquoted
thin	19 nom.

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Jan. 19.

The rubber futures today closed three to ten points higher with sales of only six contracts.

The market was reported as "dull" with very little business of any kind being transacted. Cable offerings from abroad were mostly unchanged.

Spot No. 1 Rss were quoted at 20.38 cents a pound. Future closings:—

March	20.20b
May	20.35b
July	20.35b
September	20.35b
December	20.45
March (1955)	20.45a

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.79
Sterling note (per £1)	15.35
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	20.20
Siam ticals (per 100)	25.70
Singapore (Straits)	1.76
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	6.80

New York Cotton Prices

New York, Jan. 19.

	Closing Prices Jan. 18	Jan. 19
Spot	[illegible]	34.18n
March	33.50	[illegible]
May	33.73	[illegible]
July	33.62-63	[illegible]
Oct.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dec.	[illegible]	[illegible]
March	33.73	[illegible]
May	33.71n	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	

—United Press.

New York Metal Futures

New York, Jan. 19.

Lead	Jan.	11.85b
	Feb.	11.80t
Tin	Jan.	85.50b
	Feb.	85.75b
Zinc	Jan.	8.60b
	Feb.	8.65b
Copper	Jan.	27.00b
	Feb.	26.00b

Prices in US cents per lb. b-bid t-traded.—United Press.

LONDON PRICES

London, Jan. 19.

The tin market was steady, lead irregular, while copper and zinc were firmer. Prices closed as follows (in sterling per long ton):—

Tin				
spot	635	buyer	600	seller
3-month	626	"	627½	"
Copper				
spot	221½	"	[illegible]	"
3-month	211	"	[illegible]	"
Lead				
Jan.	[illegible]	"	81½	"
April	[illegible]	"	82¼	"
Zinc				
Jan.	71	"	71½	"
April	70¼	"	70½	"

—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 19.

The stock market resumed its advance with renewed vigour today, helped by General Motors' announcement of a planned $1,500,000,000 spending programme.

The General Motors' announcement came during a market lull as traders paused to take stock after the sharp advance which came last week with the House Ways and Means proposal to ease taxation on corporate dividends.

It shook the market out of early irregularity and boosted prices in oil sections on sharp increased turnover.

Industrials led the move, paced by General Motors up 1¾ points to $63⅞ in the day's second most active turnover.

The announcement of GM spending plans was seen in Wall Street as a vote of confidence in the nation's economy by its largest manufacturing company and the news outweighed reports of mounting lay-offs and government contract cutbacks in investors' consideration.

INDUSTRIALS UP

The industrial average rose $2.24 to its best level since March 24. Rails had an even wider percentage gain, a rise of $1.36. Utilities fell seven cents.

Market volume, running 110,000 shares behind yesterday in the first hour, picked up steadily as prices mounted to a final total of 1,840,000 shares, compared with 1,580,000 yesterday.

Some of the best individual gains occurred in the carriers where Texas & Pacific ran up 3 points.

Oils continued to feature in the industrials with improvement of as much as 4 points in the high-priced Texas Pacific Land Trust.

Of 1,157 issues traded, 641 were higher, 259 lower.

The NY Stock Exchange bond volume was $4,240,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 430,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	288.27
20 rails	99.43
15 utilities	53.67
65 stocks	109.56
40 bonds	98.17
Comm. futures price index	169.03

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 19.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged to one point higher with sales of 162 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 154 contracts. Future closings:—

Contract No. 4 (world)	
March	3.22b
May	3.23
July	3.24
Sept.	3.24
Oct.	3.24n
March	3.26
Spot-(cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.30
Contract No. 6	
March	5.51
May	5.51
July	[illegible]
Sept.	5.73b
Nov.	5.74
Spot-(cents per lb. cif NY ex-dock)	5.80

—United Press.

> ### *"Lend Me $15 . . ."*
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> **Jackson, Mississippi, Jan. 19.**
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> **Johnny Jackson, Jr., told the Police today that his girl friend, Lydia Burnek, asked him for $15 loan and when he told her he only had $10 she chased him down the street with an ice pick, then returned and smashed all the windows in his motor car.—United Press.**

Japanese Trade Mission Coming To HK

A trade delegation from the Kobe Chamber of Commerce will arrive in Hongkong by air on Sunday afternoon for a 12-day visit.

The delegation, which will consist of seven members including representatives of three shipping lines, is anxious to find new outlets for Japanese exports.

While in the Colony the delegation hope to meet officials of the Department of Commerce and Industry and representatives of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

After Hongkong the delegation will visit Taipeh to make further inquiries there about the possibility of stepping up Japanese exports to Formosa.

RESTRICTED MARKETS

For some time now, Japan has been concerned about the restricted markets open to her exporters in Asia.

She is still hoping that Britain will allow greater exports of her goods, particularly textiles for African colonial markets, under the Anglo-Japanese Sterling Payment Agreement.

Japan's trade with Malaya and China had slumped disastrously in recent years and China has indicated to recent Japanese trade missions that she is not interested in Japanese consumer goods.

Hongkong business observers believe that with the colony's trade in such a desperate position and the recent growth of local industries the Japanese mission is likely to achieve very little during its Hongkong stay.

Uranium Profits Outstripping Gold Earnings

London, Jan. 19.

Striking evidence came to light tonight of the way in which profits from uranium were outstripping the profits from gold at some South African mines.

The quarterly report of the West Rand Consolidated Mines—first in South Africa to produce uranium—disclosed that the company had been overstating its profits from gold and understating its profits from uranium.

In future, it would try to apportion the costs more accurately and would also give a monthly estimate of its uranium profits.

The results of this revision are extraordinary. For the month of December the mine had reported a profit of £62,000 from gold, and had not disclosed its uranium profit.

On revision, this became a loss of about £1,000 on gold and a profit of about £14,000 from uranium.

Its total profit for the last quarter was £419,000. On the old basis, this included a net profit of £204,000 from uranium. On the new basis, net profit from uranium becomes £389,-000.—Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES

Chicago, Jan. 19.

Prices per bushel in cents:

	Closing Prices Jan. 19
Wheat, No. 2, red	
Spot	214½n
March 214⅝(H) 213¾(L)	214¼
May	213⅛-¼
July	[illegible]
September	[illegible]
Corn, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	[illegible]
March	[illegible]
May	[illegible]
July	[illegible]
September	[illegible]
New York flour, 100 lbs. sack	[illegible]

—United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Journey by night

DAY and night the great trains roared through the Yorkshire town. North to Scotland they thundered, south to London, leaving small whirlwinds in their wake, shaking the Miner's Arms to its foundations.

The men who drank at the inn, the tough, proud miners, scarcely noticed the trains going by. Their homes, like the inn, were within earshot of the line, they always had the noise for company.

A miner named Joseph was drinking at the inn the other evening, a lean man, with lines about his eyes and mouth that suggested that laughter came easily to him. He was with two friends, and the trio had filled and refilled their glasses a fair number of times.

At some point in the evening, for some reason unspecified—a shunting engine impatiently whistling, perhaps, or a porter from the main-line station coming into the bar—Joseph and his friends acquired a sudden interest in trains.

The Bright Idea

"THERE she goes for London," said one of Joseph's friends, as the beer in their glasses trembled with the vibrations from a passing express train.

"There she goes to the bright lights," said Joseph.

"I've a mind to go meself on the next one that stops," said Joseph's other friend. The other two closed their ranks around him. They went into committee.

"Why don't we do that?" they asked each other. "Why not?" they answered.

The trio piled out of the inn and made their way to the station, as resolute, solemn, singleminded and stately as delegates to an international conference.

Then there was one

THEY bought platform tickets. For a little while, they watched the trains streak through and listened to the loudspeaker announcements. Then an important-looking train drew into the platform.

The trio boarded the train. They settled themselves into a compartment where only a young couple sat. The train pulled out. The three from the Miner's Arms went to sleep.

At Peterborough, the train stopped, and Joseph's friends awoke. They tried to wake him, and, when they failed, tumbled out of the compartment and left the train, having thought better of their plan.

Joseph arrived alone in London in the unkind early hours of the morning. "What's this done wi' me mates?" he asked the young couple who shared the compartment. He sounded as though he thought his friends had been abducted. "They got out at Peterborough," the young couple answered.

Departure

THE London ticket collector called the police when Joseph produced his platform ticket as a receipt for payment for his journey from the North. An hour or two later, Joseph, from the dock at the Clerkenwell court, pleaded guilty to travelling from Yorkshire without a ticket.

"Has he any money?" asked the magistrate, Mr T. F. Davies.

"None at all, sir," said a police officer, "though he was paid £13 only two days before. He is single, sir."

"What's the big idea?" asked the magistrate of Joseph.

"Dunno," he said. "We was just on a good booze-up. I never wanted to come to London."

He was sent off to see the probation officer, with a view to his returning home. They would give him a welcome of some magnitude, no doubt, at the Miner's Arms, where he got back.

DEATH OF FAMED ACTOR

Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 19.

The veteran actor, Sidney Greenstreet, 74, famed for his sinister roles in more than a decade of screen work, died last night after a lengthy illness.

Greenstreet had been ill for a number of years, suffering from Bright's Disease and diabetes.—United Press.

$40,000 Jewellery Robbery: 5 Men On Trial

Five men charged in connection with a robbery at a goldsmiths where some $40,000 worth of jewellery was stolen, stood trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr Justice C. W. Reece.

A sixth man, Leung Sze, alias Leung Yiu-kwan, was discharged when the Crown offered no evidence against him. Mr Justice Reece directed the five men and two women on the Jury to return a formal verdict of Not Guilty for Leung "in order that he may not have this stigma hanging over him."

The five accused on trial are Chan Hung, alias Leung Yat and Li Shun, alias Li Kan-yee, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of possession of three revolvers and 24 rounds of ammunition; and Wong Sze, alias Shi Ko, Wong Sze-yu, alias Wong Sze-koai, and Wong Kwok-yin alias Ng Tsai, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery with aggravation. The last four also face an alternative charge of larceny. They are alleged to have taken 75 gold chains, 64 gold bangles, 45 gold pendants, 11 gold watch straps, two gold brooches and 50 gold bracelets from the Nam Shing Goldsmiths of 184 Queen's Road Central on October 11 last year.

Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting while the fourth accused, Wong Sze-yu, is represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Lam Man-kit. The other accused are not legally represented.

PRODUCED REVOLVERS

Relating the Prosecution case against the first two accused for alleged possession of arms and ammunition, Crown Counsel said that at about 11 a.m. on October 31 two Chinese went to the goldsmiths, one of them entering and the other staying outside. Both produced revolvers which the Ballistics expert would say were loaded and in good working order. On that evidence the Jury might be satisfied that these men were in possession of the arms and ammunition, possession meaning that they were in control.

After a time, the two men left the shop, continued Mr Hobley, but they were followed by a salesman of the goldsmiths to a house in Gough Street. The salesman informed the Police who arrived there shortly. In a cubicle in the cockloft they found the first two accused lying on a bed. These two men were told to get up and the Police found that they had been lying on top of two revolvers.

"On that evidence the Prosecution asks you to say that the first and second accused were in possession of the arms and ammunition within the meaning of the Ordinance. It is my submission that you can have no doubt that is so," Mr Hobley told the Jury.

IDENTIFIED

"The first and second accused were identified by the salesman as the men who came to the shop and the salesmen will also say that these revolvers shown to them by the Police are similar to the ones the two men had."

Going on to the charge of robbery against the remaining three accused, Mr Hobley said that evidence would be given by the salesmen that two men entered the shop and one stayed outside. They broke the showcases and took a considerable amount of jewellery.

As regards the third, fourth and fifth accused the Jury need not be concerned with the men found at the house in Gough Street, said Crown Counsel. The Police went to another house the same day and arrested the third accused, Wong Sze, and the fourth accused, Wong Sze-yu, whereas the fifth accused, Wong Kwok-yin was arrested later that day.

All three men were taken to Central Police Station and charged, said Mr Hobley, reading their statements in which they said they did not rob, but kept watch.

Mr Hobley said that on these statements it was apparent that the three men go along for the purpose of keeping watch. The law was that if the accused went along to assist others by keeping watch they were guilty of the full offence. If the Jury were satisfied that the three accused did go to the goldsmiths but remained outside somewhere keeping watch then, he submitted, they were guilty of robbery.

The trial is continuing.

Russia's Big Nine Named

London, Jan. 19.

Moscow Radio today listed the Kremlin's top nine men in the following order:

Georgia M. Malenkov (Prime Minister).

Vyacheslav M. Molotov (Foreign Minister).

Nikita S. Khrushchev (First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party).

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin (Defence Minister).

Marshal Kliment Voroshilov (President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, or head of state).

Lazar M. Kaganovich (Vice Premier and Minister without Portfolio).

Anastas Mikoyan (Minister of Domestic Trade and a Vice Premier).

Maxim Z. Saburov (Chief of the State Planning Commission and a Vice Premier).

Mikhail Pervukhin (Minister of Electric Power Stations and the Electric Industry and a Vice Premier).

All the above are members of the "Presidium" of the Soviet Communist Party — the body which replaced the "Politburo" of Stalin's days.

To this list, Moscow Radio added the names of the Secretaries of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party —Mikhail A. Suslov, Pyotr N. Pospelov and Nikolai Shatelin.

The list confirms the general impressions that Krushchev, as "Party boss," now ranks number three in the hierarchy, a position held by Secret Police chief Lavrenti P. Beria before his downfall last July.

It shows two Marshals of the Red Army as members of the "Big Five," thus confirming the impression that Malenkov and the Red Army are at present working hand in hand.

Beria is the only absentee from the original "Big Ten" list of last March when Malenkov took over as Premier on Stalin's death.—Reuter.

MUST DEPEND ON EVENTS

London, Jan. 19.

The Government was asked in the House of Commons by a Labour member today if it could yet announce the relaxation of the security ban on the export of rubber to Communist-dominated countries.

Mr Derick Heathcoat Amory, Minister of Trade, Board of Trade, replied:

"There is no ban on the export of rubber to the Communist countries of Eastern Europe. Exports to those countries are limited to their estimated normal civilian requirements.

"In the case of Communist China, there is an embargo in accordance with the United Nations resolution of May 1951.

"It remains the Government's view that the question of reconsidering the embargo must depend on how events develop in the Far East."—Reuter.

TROOPS FROM KOREA HERE

The troopship HMT Empire Halladale returned here this morning from Korea with troops of various units who had completed their tour of duty in Korea and Japan. She is sailing for the United Kingdom tomorrow.

The Empire Fawey, which arrived here from the UK last week, is sailing for the UK this afternoon with time-expired troops and Service families from Hongkong.

'What's Her Line?' Solution

MAKE-UP GIRL

London Express Service.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Well then, how about that one? He's uglier than a mud fence and dumber than all-get-out—but he doesn't eat much!"

NOT GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Kingsman Samuel Brown, 23, of the King's Regiment, was found not guilty of manslaughter and discharged before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, the Puisne Judge, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The all-male jury retired for five minutes before returning the verdict.

In his summing-up, the Judge said that "it was a unique case in that the man being tried for manslaughter was not driving. The Prosecution had to prove a very high degree of negligence that the accused had deliberately grabbed the steering wheel. The Judge pointed out that the Defendant had claimed that the jeep swerved and accused lost his balance so that he might have caught hold of the wheel to regain his balance.

Brown was alleged to have unlawfully killed L/Cpl Harold Smith in a traffic accident on a public road to Sheung Shui, New Territories, on the night November 7, last year, in which a military jeep crashed into a tree.

Accused was defended by Mr Charles E. Loseby, QC, instructed by Major F. J. Williams, of the Army Legal Service.

Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. C. J. Askew, prosecuted.

68 Killed In Volcano Eruption

Djakarta, Jan. 19.

At least 68 persons were killed and 145 others injured when the Merapi volcano in East Central Java erupted in streams of molten lava yesterday, the Indonesian news agency Antara reported today.

Revised casualty figures listed 37 killed and 66 injured in the village of Pakean in the Bojolali area. Six more deaths were reported from Djerakah near the top of the volcano's northeastern slope, raising that village's death toll to 31. At least 79 persons were injured in Djerakah.

The eruption also took a toll of some 500 head of livestock. About 100 houses in the area were destroyed and 140 hectares of plantation area laid waste.

The volcano was reported calm this morning, its top shrouded by clouds. Relief measures were being rushed by the Central Javanese government and the Indonesian Red Cross dispatched medical supplies to the stricken area. Some US$100,000 already has been earmarked for relief.

The authorities said 12 villages located in the Dukuh area were regarded as "unsafe". Officials warned inhabitants of the Plawangan and Kaliurang areas to be prepared for any eventuality.

Both before and after yesterday's eruption, several earth tremors were felt in Jogjakarta and other Merapi areas.—United Press.

Conspiracy To Rob Charge

Three Chinese, including two teen-agers, appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning charged with conspiracy to rob.

The accused, Cheung Ming-ping, alias Ah Ngau, 24, workman, residing at the Tonnochy Hotel; Li Kwok-wah, 17, unemployed, of no fixed abode, and Chui Yuk, alias Chui Ping-kwan, 19, of an unnumbered hut, servants' quarters, Christian Cemetery, Wongneichung Road, were remanded for three days in Police custody for further enquiries.

On January 18 and 19 at a side lane near the Tonnochy Hotel, the defendants are alleged to have conspired, with other persons not in custody, to commit a robbery.

Kidnapped Man Released

Singapore, Jan. 19.

Kidnappers have released Lim Kok Gin, a 53-year-old Chinese multi-millionaire merchant of this city, after holding him since Friday in a secret hide-out, it was learned here today.

Mr Lim trades mostly with the Indonesian ports. He and his Chinese driver were freed on Monday night with the ransom of $100,000 in Malayan currency, but the fact was made public only tonight.

Mr Lim told the police that four kidnappers rammed his moving car with another vehicle while he was on his way to his office on Friday morning. They drove him in his own car to a secret hide-out.—France-Presse.

Radio Hongkong

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8, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 8.03, Lucky Dip —Variety Request by Members's (Studio); 6.59, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.10, News Talk (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 7.15, Orchestra of the Week—Chinese Symphony Orch, Lucky Dip—Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (Recorded London Relay); 8, The Ink Spots. Talk to John Wallace, and listen to their favourite recordings; 8.30, The Choral Group of Hongkong under the Direction of Professor Guakli (Concert Hall); 9, Time Signal, Weekly Theatre, "For Dear Life" A Play by Lionel Brown (BBC TS); 10, Time for Music, The London Light Concert Orch. cond. by Edmund Kirby (BBC TS); 10.30, One Night Stand—Tommy Dorsey and his Orch. (West Coast); 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Gaodaigo Music, Nocturnes by Faure, God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Man On Trial For Allegedly Murdering Catholic Priests

A brutal attack in the course of an alleged robbery upon two Catholic priests in their quarters at the Holy Souls Church, Wanchai, on September 7, which resulted in their death, was related by Crown Counsel when Lo Shui-chung, 32, earth coolie, appeared on trial for murder before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The murdered priests were the Rev. Father Peter Ngai and the Rev. Father John Baptist Cheng.

Lo is alleged to have, with others not in custody, murdered the Rev. Fr Peter Ngai on September 7.

Accused pleaded not guilty this morning to the indictment, as well as to that in which he was alleged to have murdered the Rev. Fr John Baptist Cheng.

Conducting the case for the Prosecution is Mr D. N. E. Reo, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr W. B. Scragg, ADC1.

Miss B. K. Searle, instructed by Mr S. Ng Quinn, is defending the accused.

Six men and one woman have been empanelled as a Jury.

The Prosecutor told the Jury that in the small hours of the morning of September 7 a robbery took place. The case would be that it was planned some time before and carried out in the living quarters of two priests, the Rev. Fr Peter Ngai and the Rev. Fr John Baptist Cheng at Holy Souls Church, Wanchai.

Further, in the course of that robbery both the priests were brutally attacked and killed.

Mr Rea said that evidence would be called concerning the death of the two deceased, but following the common law practice accused was only indicted for the murder of one of them, namely, Fr Ngai.

CHURCH MEETING

Continuing, Crown Counsel said that on the evening of September 6, a meeting was held in the church. After it was over, a nephew of Fr Ngai, remained with Fr Cheng until about 10.30 p.m. An amah employed at the church last saw Fr Ngai about 11 p.m. and on both those occasions the deceased were seen going in the direction of their living quarters.

The next morning about 6 o'clock, a coolie, also another employee of the church, following his normal practice went to wake the two priests. He rang the bell but received no response.

Shortly afterwards another priest, the Rev. Fr Zilioli arrived and he entered the quarters with a key. On entering the premises, Fr Zilioli noticed that the leads to the bell and the telephone wires had been cut.

He then proceeded upstairs to the second floor, the priests' living quarters, and found both bedroom doors open.

He found Fr Cheng lying on his back and in the next room he found Fr Ngai lying face downwards.

Shortly afterwards the Police and the Police Surgeon arrived.

COMPLETE DISORDER

Mr Rea said that the Jury would hear evidence of the complete disorder in which both the rooms were found. The Jury would be shown photographs which might assist them to picture in their own minds what must have happened, and Crown Counsel thought that they would have no difficulty in seeing that there was a robbery and indeed a very bloody struggle.

A spanner and a short thick bamboo pole were found on the premises, and Crown Counsel said the Jury would have no doubt that they were the weapons that inflicted the wounds on the priests.

The Police Surgeon who performed the post-mortem examination would identify as to the very extensive injuries inflicted and the Jury might gather that Fr Ngai put up a very gallant fight for his life.

Two days after the discovery of the bodies of the priests accused was taken to the Aberdeen Police Station in connection with a matter which had no bearing on the present case, said Crown Counsel. Whilst there he was informed that the Police were making enquiries into the deaths of the two priests. Accused elected to make a statement, which Mr Rea said he would tender in evidence in the course of the trial.

Subsequently accused was charged with the murder of the two priests.

Evidence of a conversation accused had with one of his friends would be given. The friend, Lo Kwan-kit would say he approached accused and showed him a copy of a Chinese newspaper with big headlines stating "Two Fathers at Holy Souls Church were murdered this morning. Two Fathers were stabbed to death."

In reply to his friend, accused was alleged to have said, "I have no alternative but to do it."

20 INJURIES

Dr T. C. Pang, Police Surgeon said he performed a post-mortem examination on the two priests.

There were 20 external injuries found on Fr Ngai, the Police Surgeon said. Internally, there was general bruising of the deeper tissues of the skull, a localised depressed fracture over the frontal bone. The brain showed blood over the surface of the left side. Four ribs were fractured.

The cause of death was due to the depressed fracture of the skull with injury to the brain, Dr Pang declared.

Hearing is proceeding.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr Kiehn And His Passport

Sir,—I do not blame the State Department for wanting me home to stay. They have had to worry about me twice, first in 1948 when I was in a Japanese internment camp at Haiphong Rd., and second when I was imprisoned by the Communists in 1951. But now, in refusing me a full passport, my presence abroad is described as "inimical to the interests of the United States".

My government did not say anything about me being inimical to the US when I paid my personal income tax of US$5,000 in 1945—tax on money which I made outside of the US.

I regret creating any trouble for anyone, including my government, but I am being denied a full passport to replace the one that expired while I was in a Communist prison. This I say, is unjust. I am offered a one-way passport to return to the US only. I want to go back home soon as possible but not if I am to be denied the right to leave again when my business requires. I have done nothing to be denied a passport. I insist on being granted a full passport.

If I have done anything against my own country I would like to know what it is, in detail, not in generalisation or rumours. I want no more accusations of being "inimical to the interests of the United States."

I have spent more than half my life in the Orient. I have made and lost money in the Orient. Now I have lost everything and must start over again. In my opinion the best place to make money is to pay my debts and get back on my feet again is in the Orient, which I know.

I have not accepted the one-way passport, and do not intend to do so. There is no question of my being Communistically inclined; I do think that is the reason why a passport is being withheld. The Communists tried to "brain-wash" me for three years in prison but they did not succeed and at the end they had to give up trying. To me, Communism is a stupid creed that no sensible person would adopt. If by any chance I am being denied a passport on suspicion of leaning toward the Reds, I would welcome a hearing on that.

ARNOLD KIEHN

Last Night's Earth Tremor

The Royal Hongkong Observatory announced this morning: "Between 9.16 and 9.17 p.m., Hongkong Standard Time last night, the seismograph at the Royal Observatory registered an earth tremor.

"It was not possible to locate the epicentre but it was probably 100 miles off Hongkong".

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20
By Air

Japan, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21
By Air

India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 11 a.m.
Japan, Noon.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Noon.
Indonesia, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
By Air

Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, 10 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.

BUTCHER HAD UNFIT MEAT

For being in possession of approximately 14 catties of horse meat, unfit for human consumption, a 35-year-old butcher, Lo Shek-kai, of 359 Queen's Road West, third floor, was fined $100 or 20 days by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central today.

Inspector W. E. B. Howel, prosecuting, asked the Court to take a serious view of the case as the defendant was a licensed butcher. Inspector Howel said that the Police found the accused to be in possession of the meat at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

DEMONSTRATING PILOT KILLED

Managua, Nicaragua,
Jan. 19.

Capt. Clare Ray American war hero, was killed today when his jet plane crashed during a goodwill demonstration by 16 US Air Force Thunderjet and Sabre fighters.

The American aviators arrived yesterday on a Latin-American tour.—United Press.

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